

WESLEYAN

Magazine



Administration

RUTH A. KNOX '75,

President of the College

DELMAS S. CRISP, JR.,

Vice President for Academic Affairs/

Dean of the College

PATRICIA M. GIBBS,

Vice President for Enrollment Services
and Student Affairs

C. STEPHEN FARR,

Vice President for Administration

RICHARD P. MAIER,

Vice President for Business
and Fiscal Affairs/Treasurer

DEBORAH J. SMITH '76,

Vice President for Institutional
Advancement

Wesleyan Magazine Staff

SUSAN WELSH, Editor

Director of Communications

swelsh@wesleyancollege.edu

BRANDI VORHEES, Art Director

KATHLEEN MEDLIN, Staff Writer

CATHY C. SNOW '71,

Director of Alumnae Affairs

csnow@wesleyancollege.edu

RHONDA Z. WALLS,

Assistant Director of Alumnae Affairs

DEBBIE HACKETT BROWN '90,

Class Notes Editor

Printing

Panaprint

Photography

Special Thanks to Neal Carpenter at iNWARD Studio, Todd Kirkland, Grant Blankenship, Ken Krakow, Robin Romano, plus alumnae and friends for providing photos.

Wesleyan Magazine is published twice a year by the Wesleyan College Office of Communications, 4760 Forsyth Road, Macon, GA 31210-4462, phone (478) 757-5134, fax (478) 757-5104. Contents may be reprinted with permission of the editor.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the Spring 2007 edition of the Wesleyan Magazine, celebrating eighty years and the pioneering spirit of Reverend Hurdle. His 80th is a Wesleyan First, which you'll discover in the next few pages as you learn more about this remarkable man. Bill's ministry to Wesleyan is a gift from God that enriches us all every day.

Our celebration of Reverend Hurdle's integral role at Wesleyan sets the tone for the rest of this issue, which has a "no boundaries" theme. Reminisce with thirty Wesleyan women joined in matrimony by our beloved chaplain. Reunite with alumnae sharing their personal stories of international adoption, opening the door for serious discussion about the wellness of children worldwide.

At Wesleyan, we talk about global issues like child labor with experienced leaders and scholars who come to our campus to give lectures and lead small discussion groups. They are helping us educate and prepare tomorrow's leaders to tackle issues on an international scale. Through the collaborative efforts of the faculty and the Lane Center for Community Engagement and Service, the academic pursuits of our students are fueled by their passion for advocacy. As you have heard me say before, the world needs Wesleyan women now more than ever, and these efforts give me great hope for the future.

We continue to offer information about our national rankings and the value of a single sex education. New methodologies are gaining strength—those that focus on student out-

comes and a college's ability to produce future leaders, placing value on proven records like ours where engaged learning, small classes, and accessible faculty produce outstanding alumnae. It's no surprise that Wesleyan outperforms the Top 10 percent of colleges and universities nationally using these criteria. You are our best evidence!

We also honor the memories of four former members of our faculty whose influence on so many of us is impossible to measure. These losses are perhaps especially poignant for those of my era, for we knew well the gravelly voice and brilliance of Dr. Strong, the joyful exuberance of Mr. Golden Heart, Dr. Quiambao, the probing intelligence of Dr. Murdoch, and the high expectations Miss Munck set for every one of us, which we tried so mightily to reach. To this day, my "A" in her English 101 class is my most prized academic achievement, and her belief in me continues to be a powerful source of inspiration. We loved them all, and we shall miss them.

Alongside serious discussion and debate, we're having too much fun in those traditional Wesleyan ways like the 111th STUNT, Pioneer Basketball, and Wow! A Day for Macon. This issue is quite reflective of our daily campus environment – the fun, the academic excellence, the sisterhood, and the maintenance of three thousand purple pansies. Dig in!



Contents

Wesleyan Magazine

Spring/Summer 2007

3 Celebrating 80 years

Reverend Hurdle's pioneering spirit

16 Happily Ever After

Many Wesleyan weddings have a common denominator

8 Crossing the Line

Five Wesleyannes share international adoption stories

12 Impassioned and Educated

Child labor: an issue with no boundaries

16 Servant Leadership

Business community changing the way they "do business"

18 Single Gender Advantage

Two sisters discuss a single gender education

It's all Good 20

Sweet smell of Ginkgo 23

Campus News 24

STUNT 26

Inspired by Life 31

Alumnae Club News 34

Class Notes 38

A Day in the Life 53



Celebrating 80 YEARS of Reverend Hurdle

On May 24th, Reverend William H. Hurdle, Wesleyan's campus chaplain and director of church relations, will celebrate his eightieth birthday. We celebrate the occasion, the man, and the spirit of pioneering represented by this well-lived life. We celebrate another Wesleyan First, as well, which Hurdle himself points out. On this day in May, Wesleyan will be the first to have an octogenarian as a campus chaplain.

In Reverend Hurdle, Wesleyan has much; and his accomplishments are many. His tie to Wesleyan dates back to the mid-1980's when he began serving on our Board of Trustees. As the Executive Director of the Georgia United Methodist Commission on Higher Education and Campus Ministry, he served on boards all over the state. Macon's central Georgia location was attractive to his family and proved a logical place to settle. Logic, luck, or divine intervention, the relocation also put the College in a central part of Reverend Hurdle's life.

After serving on Wesleyan's Board for nearly fifteen years, Reverend Hurdle was approached by then president Dr. Nora Kizer Bell about the position of a part-time chaplain with on-campus presence three days a week. Although a part-time work schedule was attractive, Reverend Hurdle was uncertain about two aspects of the position.

"I had never worked with a single sex group and I wasn't sure how my age would come into play," remembered Hurdle. But after one year, he and Dr. Bell met again and decided that having a visible on-campus chaplain had been positive for the students. He agreed to stay on another year.

Nearly eight years later, Reverend Hurdle spends five days a week, ten months of the year, on the Wesleyan campus. "I think students enjoy having a male figure around who doesn't give them a test on Friday and they enjoy having a grandfather on campus," said Hurdle.

Students like Golden Heart Micah Wilson agree. "Everyone thinks he is certainly a great influence on campus. I am not sure anyone could do a better job than Reverend Hurdle has done, and he is certainly one of a kind. He never forgets a face or a name... we love him simply because he is such a wonderful person," she said.

In Dr. Bell's 2001 state of the college address, she credited Hurdle with a goal that has since revitalized our campus in immeasurable ways: to reaffirm our Methodist heritage and attend to the spiritual needs of all students. "The architect of our success in achieving this goal is our beloved chaplain. It would be hard to detail the many ways he embodies Christian

values and serves as a positive role model for all our students, regardless of their religious faith," Bell stated.

After President Ruth Knox arrived in 2002, Hurdle's position was expanded to church relations and campus chaplain. During her inaugural address, Knox reminded our community of the spirit that connects us to the Methodist church.

"We owe our very existence to the pioneering leadership of the Methodist church. Early in the life of Methodism, John Wesley's brother Charles had the idea to unite religious studies with the traditional liberal arts. He said: 'Unite the pair so long disjoined—knowledge and vital piety.' This impulse was the beginning of Methodism's commitment to higher education, which ultimately resulted in the establishment of Wesleyan in 1836 by founders who dared dream that women—even women—could benefit from a rigorous study of the liberal arts and deserved the same academic credentials as men," she said.

Like those founders, Reverend Hurdle's pioneering spirit has no boundaries. Our relationship with the Methodist church is a great treasure and holds a prominent place in the future of Wesleyan. One major initiative established by President Knox in 2003 for the church relations position was to

strengthen Wesleyan's connection with the church. To that end, Reverend Hurdle implemented the recognition of Wesleyan College Sunday in Methodist churches throughout the South Georgia Annual Conference. The event, celebrated on the second Sunday of November, increases awareness of Wesleyan's historical connection to the church, highlights the purposeful vision and student outcomes of Wesleyan today, and raises funds for student scholarships.

"If we don't ask for their help, they will think we don't need it," stated Hurdle. "We're so thankful for the thousands of scholarship dollars contributed during Wesleyan College Sundays from churches all across the state."

Reverend Hurdle's newly established Wesleyan Disciples program exemplifies his pioneering spirit like no other project. Inspired by a presentation in 2004 at a conference in Nashville, he was determined to develop a scholarship program based on faith and service. Although the Wesleyan experience was deeply rooted in the Methodist faith, scholarship opportunities valuing faith and service were lacking at the

College. To meet the need, Wesleyan Disciples was tailored to be a Christian group over-arched by three characteristics: interdenominational, inter-racial, and international.

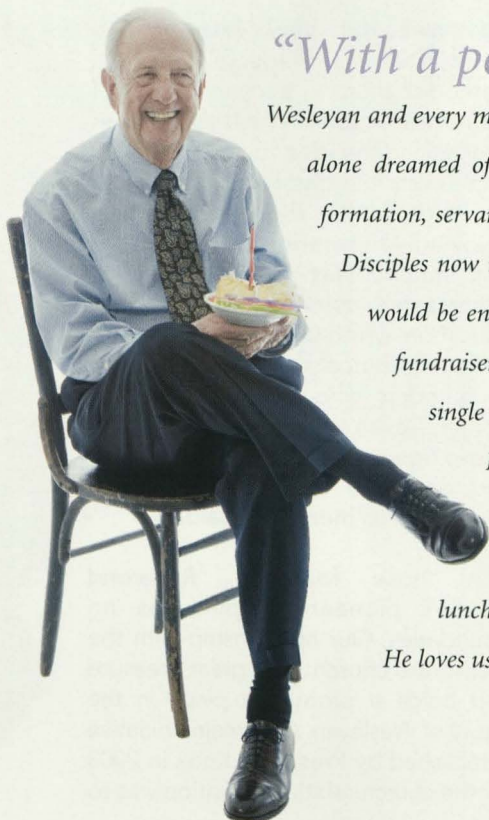
In 2005, six students were awarded \$500 scholarships for participation in the Wesleyan Disciples program. They each signed a contract with the following four provisions: Spiritual Formation (participation in all Christian witness opportunities on campus), Intentional Study (weekly study with the chaplain of the Bible or specific Christian theological question), Servant Leadership (volunteer service with a United Methodist agency or the Lane Center for Community Engagement), and Health and Wellness (practice a healthy lifestyle).

"I think it's helped me grow in my faith. I've had opportunities to lead in chapel and do other special things. It's been a very positive experience and I'm proud to say that I was part of the original group," said Melinda Fitzgerald.

Immediately successful, the program grew to fourteen students by its

second year. Currently the group boasts twenty-four members and Hurdle's successful fundraising efforts have allowed scholarships to double. This academic year, each of the twenty-four participants received a \$1000 scholarship for their commitment to faith and service. The students lead on-campus worship services held in the Candler building on Sunday evenings; plan family worship services during orientation, STUNT, and family weekends; and are adamant about the value of the Wesleyan Disciple experience.

"(Wesleyan Disciples) has brought a diverse group of Wesleyan women from different classes, majors, and denominations together and allowed us to get to know others that have the same values and beliefs. I have really enjoyed the group and I feel it has enhanced my Wesleyan experience overall," remarked Micah Wilson. "It has allowed me to grow in my spiritual life and in my Wesleyan life within the community here by participating in events and service projects. Reverend Hurdle has a lot to do with its success."



"With a personal faith that touches us daily and an abiding love for Wesleyan and every member of our community, Reverend Hurdle's contributions have been especially noteworthy. He alone dreamed of a program on our campus that would engage young women in religious study, spiritual formation, servant leadership, and pursuit of a healthy lifestyle. From a modest beginning of six, our Wesleyan Disciples now number twenty-four – and growing. Leading that program in addition to all his other duties would be enough, surely. But Reverend Hurdle does much, much more. In fact, he's one of our very best fundraisers, telling our story to churches all over South Georgia—and to any one else who will listen—and single handedly gaining the thousands of dollars we needed to fund the Disciples program this year. He might just be our best recruiter, too, as I suspect almost every student on campus today met Reverend Hurdle during a campus visit or received a telephone call from him with the gentle encouragement to come and experience the joys of Wesleyan. He listens to us over lunch, he knows our names and birthdays, and he cheers us on without fail—no matter the score. He loves us unconditionally, and we love him back. Reverend Hurdle is a blessing to us all."

— Wesleyan President Ruth Knox, announcing the 2006 Presidential Staff Award



The love and admiration of students has earned Hurdle a sacred role on the campus. For, as he qualifies himself, an ole octogenarian with no experience in an all-girls environment, Reverend Hurdle was presented with a rare but distinguished honor in 2001 when the students named the newly renovated café located in the Olive Swann Porter building the Hurdle Café.

"I guess that gave me the reassurance that I should stop worrying about whether or not I was relating to the students," chuckled Reverend Hurdle.

Although inspired by the students, Hurdle exemplified the pioneering spirit long before he stepped foot on Wesleyan's campus. He grew up in Montezuma, Georgia. After high school, he enlisted in the Navy in 1944 and spent two years in the Pacific. He then attended Emory-at-Oxford College and Emory University where he earned a Master's of Divinity from the Candler School of Theology. Early in his career, he held pastorates in various middle and south Georgia churches then moved into leadership roles in the United Methodist South Georgia Conference.

In 1984, he was appointed Executive Director of the Georgia United Methodist Commission on Higher Education and Campus Ministry and held the position for the next eleven years. During the spring of 1985, he

was awarded an honorary doctorate of divinity degree by LaGrange College. For the next eleven years, Hurdle traveled all over the state acting as a representative for the Commission and a liaison to the Methodist colleges.

When he retired in 1995 after forty-two years in the ministry, he did anything but slow down. He assisted churches and colleges with fundraising efforts, preached in churches, and stayed active on various boards—including Wesleyan's. When approached by Dr. Bell in 1998 about the need of a campus chaplain for the school, he retired from retirement.

Authentic passion fuels Hurdle's leadership. As a result, he almost effortlessly garners support for his endeavors; he evaluates a situation and envisions a better scenario. His ability to weave pertinent topics of religious study into a format relevant and applicable to a group of busy, young women sixty years his junior is evidence of his timeless leadership.

"Reverend Hurdle is very in touch with what's going on with students today... starting with the fact that he answers his e-mail faster than many of my fellow classmates," commented Melinda Fitzgerald. "We discuss current events and he also puts a lot of thought into worship planning and tries to plan a variety of speakers and groups that address issues and

concerns we have...and he's always ready to try something new or different." If you ask Hurdle about his accomplishments, he will probably boast about hosting the annual Hurdle family beach trip with twenty-two family members in attendance. He and wife, Betty, have been married for nearly fifty-four years. They reared four children, two girls and two boys, and now relish in the joys of being grandparents to ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren whose ages range from four to thirty-four.

Jokingly, Reverend Hurdle claims that he's probably the oldest campus chaplain in service. Yet, his youthful enthusiasm inspires thousands of students just entering adulthood. In 1999, the students presented him with a Staff of the Year Award. In 2000, the students honored him through a dedication of STUNT. This year two additional public honors add to the list of Hurdle's credentials, a Presidential Staff Award presented at opening convocation and inclusion in the student's 2007 pin-up Men of Wesleyan calendar. He's a dashing Mr. November.

And well beyond the month of November, Reverend Hurdle is a man of faith, service, vision, and commitment. In the context of our frequent boasting on the attributes of the Wesleyan Woman, he is one of a select few in the College's 171 year history to claim the prestigious title: *A Man of Wesleyan*.

Happily ever after

"You may now kiss the bride" marks a symbolic gesture that seals the sacred matrimonial vows just exchanged. The timeless closing dates back to Ancient Rome and variations of the kissing custom occur in most cultures.

For Reverend William Hurdle, it is a phrase he has had the privilege of saying to numerous Wesleyan women. Since becoming Wesleyan's campus chaplain in 1998, Hurdle has officiated at the weddings of thirty Wesleyan women with more already on the books for 2007 and 2008.

"I have married someone from each class year that I have been here," the minister mused. "Not to mention a few more that I had other connections with from my Trustee days."

Hurdle claimed that he is not in the wedding business, but is always honored to be asked by Wesleyan brides who have no other church connections or by students he knew personally. He also keeps busy with premarital counseling for students—sometimes even via email and telephone to accommodate long distance relationships.

"Because Wesleyan is so close to my heart and Reverend Hurdle is such an integral part of the College, I couldn't have imagined having anyone else marry Brooke and me," said Catherine O'Kelley Fore '02. "Shortly after becoming engaged, with the many decisions that have to be made when planning a wedding—there was one decision that was easy—Reverend Hurdle will marry us!"

Traveling to Wesleyan weddings keeps Reverend Hurdle on a tight schedule. "Once," he remembered



Danielle Ducharme '05 and Christopher Wunn, October 16, 2004, Buford, GA



Kathryn Smith '99 and Christopher Vinson, September 5, 2004, Asheville, NC



Catherine O'Kelly '02 and Brooke Fore, November 8, 2003, Macon, GA

"I officiated two Wesleyan weddings in one day. The first was at ten o'clock in the morning at the fountain on campus and the second was at seven o'clock in the evening in Denver, Colorado!" Even during the off-season, Wesleyan brides keep Reverend Hurdle busy with letters and phone calls. Staying in touch and re-connecting with alumnae is a top priority.

"Wesleyan weddings are wonderful—there are always people there I haven't seen in a long time," beamed Hurdle.

And because he is 'not in the wedding business,' there are no set fees for his officiating services. Students pay his travel expenses and often offer an honorarium.

Reverend Hurdle considers the call to duty more of a perk or unofficial benefit of his professional duties as campus chaplain. A proudly displayed collection of photographs inside his

office reveals his passion for the institution of marriage and his personal connection with all of the Wesleyan brides he has united.

Always paying close attention to details, Reverend Hurdle values the unique qualities of each ceremony. "I remember the closing of the wedding of Kathryn Smith '99 and Chris Vinson held at Biltmore Gardens in Asheville, North Carolina," he recalled with a smile. "The bride and groom turned to leave at the close of the service; and as they did, a breeze blew through the courtyard and gently lifted the loose flower petals dropped during the processional. It was so mysterious and the result—which was really quite breathtaking—was a vortex of petals swirling behind the bride and groom as they departed. The audience gasped at its beauty and perfect timing... just something special I ordered up to impress the guests during the service."



Melissa Lockert '00 and Scott Lain, December 29, 2001, Ashland, TN

Weddings Officiated

JAN GILES '00 & PATRICK TEDDERS
May 8, 1999, Macon, GA

LISA WENTZ '00 & JOSEPH NEWMAN
July 22, 2000, Pensacola, FL

JESSICA MOORE '01 & MATTHEW JOHNSTON
October 6, 2001, Ringgold, GA

SUZANNE GRIGSBY '97 & MATTHEW WIESCHORSTER
December 16, 2001, Macon, GA

MELISSA LOCKERT '00 & SCOTT LAIN
December 29, 2001, Ashland, TN

JOY SMITH '99 & BRAND JOHNSON
May 25, 2002, Martinez, GA

TARRA WALL '02 & ANDREW POWELL
August 10, 2002, Dalton, GA

KATHRYN MARSHALL '02 & JON WILCHER
March 1, 2003, Macon, GA

ANGEL STARK '01 & ANTHONY HELMS
May 28, 2003, Macon, GA

CATHERINE O'KELLEY '02 & BROOKE FORE
November 8, 2003, Macon, GA

SHANNA MALCOLM '04 & SHANE ALLEN
December 21, 2003, Macon, GA

SARAH TENNYSON '01 & BRANDON POOLE
December 27, 2003, Barnesville, GA

ABBIE SMOAK '01 & CHRISTOPHER LACIENSKI
April 3, 2004, Sylvania, GA

MELISSA BOWEN '01 & PHILIP BROWN
May 15, 2004, Macon, GA

MARY BARINEAU '03 & LEON BROCK, III
July 17, 2004, Quincy, FL

MARTHA SMITH '04 & TYRUS WILKINS
July 24, 2004, Montgomery, AL

KATHRYN SMITH '99 & CHRISTOPHER VINSON
September 5, 2004, Asheville, NC

DANIELLE DUCHARME '05 & CHRISTOPHER WUNN
October 16, 2004, Buford, GA

REBECCA WILLIAMS '01 & DREW LATORA
December 4, 2004, Macon, GA

NESSA CRUTHIRDS '03 & JORDAN GRIFFIN
December 18, 2004, Lawrenceville, GA

MELYNDA CHESNUT '04 & SCOTT JESSUP
April 30, 2005, Warner Robins, GA

CRYSTAL ROGERS '02 & GARRICK CHEYNE
July 9, 2005, Macon, GA

MAI LANDIS '04 & MICHAEL PLACE
July 9, 2005, Denver, CO

AMANDA WOOD '04 & JON MARSH
October 8, 2005, Macon, GA

JENNICA SCHENCK '03 & AARON CORNINE
March 11, 2006, Macon, GA

AMY SMITH '06 & BRANDON HEATON
September 30, 2006, Jackson, GA

CRYSTAL BRIDGES '01 & RICHARD COKER
November 11, 2006, Macon, GA

JULIA OTWELL '07 & GREGORY SMITH
December 29, 2006, Fayetteville, GA



Dinara



Noah



Nikolai & Galia

Crossing

Our children were born half a world away...we just had to go get them.

Was it a leap of faith, an act of God, a stroke of humanity, or an answer to a prayer? For each family that considers international adoption, the reasons and motivations differ. Meet five Wesleyannes, each with a story as unique as the children they adopted. Despite their cross continental experiences, one common denominator is clear as they all pose the same rhetorical question: "knowing your child is waiting and desperate for you to come and get them, what parent wouldn't cross international borders?"

Monique Asbell Parrish '89 and her husband, Charlie, live in Macon, Georgia. They knew they were called to be parents, although they lacked the ability to conceive. Domestic adoption stories about long waiting periods and birth mothers who reclaimed their children were discouraging. But when a friend successfully adopted a child from the Ukraine, their hearts filled with hope.

"In 2001, Asian adoptions were very popular," Monni remembered. "But with our heritage, we felt like a Russian child would be most like us."

Russian adoption appealed to the Parrishes because once finalized with paperwork filed correctly, the adoption can not be contested. According to Russian law, the adoptive parents are listed as birth parents, so Monni and Charlie are comforted that their adoption is permanent.

"At the time, we were pioneers in the adoption world because we adopted two at the same time," said Monni. "Although we wanted siblings, there were none. We really did not want a baby because we had heard so many stories about undiagnosed health conditions, like fetal alcohol syndrome, in younger children."

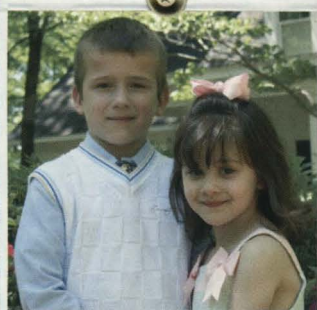
In November 2002, Monni and Charlie left Atlanta for a nine-day trip to Kotlas, Russia, where they would choose their children. Their adoption agency made arrangements for accommodations, transportation, and translators; yet the farther they traveled into Russia, the more isolated and anxious they became. Russian adoptions are often called "blind referrals" because couples do not know which children have been reserved for them until the day they meet the

orphanage administrator. So as the Parrishes traveled across the world to meet their children, they knew nothing about them.

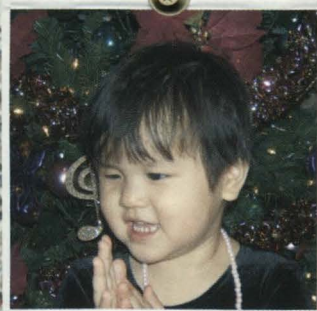
After three days of observations, introductions, and "family time," the Parrishes left Russia with just pictures of their four-year-old son, Andrey, and two-year-old daughter, Nicole. It would be another six months before they could return to Russia and bring them home; but, at last, they had met their children.

"The Russian orphanage did such a wonderful job acclimating Andrey and Nicole as brother and sister," said Monni. "We were so fortunate that they cared for them both so well."

In April 2003, on Andrey's fourth birthday, the Parrish family began life together on American soil. Due to many welcoming family and friends, the children's transition seemed seamless. Now four years later, Monni describes her challenges like any involved mother, "Andrey, at eight, is a shy, obedient, and easy-going first grader. He does attend speech therapy to help in the delay of



Andrey & Nicole



Xu Ying



Rui Jean

the Lines

learning the English language. Nicole, at six, is a bundle of energy and a spunky kindergartner. As an infant in Russia, she had surgery to repair a hole in her heart, but she was a born fighter and has had no further problems."

"We are so glad we got two children at the same time," she said. "They are so dependent on one another and it is funny how much like us they really are."

Vera Peters Williams '87 and her husband, Tol, also live in Macon, Georgia. After fifteen years of marriage, they decided to adopt. In 2001, they traveled to Rousse, Bulgaria and adopted their two-year-old son, Nikolas. Vera admitted there was a period of adjustment to have a running and speaking child in the house, but it was an adjustment they wanted. In 2003, they returned to adopt their daughter, Galia.

For the Williamses, traveling to a newly democratic country was a memorable experience. As they realized, the United States has had over two hundred years to deal with the challenges of becoming a democratic union while many other countries in the world today are in the infancy stage of democracy with many challenges ahead. Through the experience

of international adoption, the Williamses realized how much we as Americans take for granted.

Now six years later, eight-year-old Nikolas is an outgoing and friendly second grader who enjoys playing baseball. Galia is six years old, and like her brother, enjoys sports—particularly soccer and basketball.

Vera claimed that faith and prayer guided them through the adoption process and taught them that God makes families regardless of where parents and children are born. For couples exploring adoption, Vera advised: retain a reputable and experienced agency.

Nikolas and Galia know they were born in Bulgaria and the story of how they came to live in Macon, Georgia. The experience has inspired the Williamses to build special relationships with local students from Bulgaria. They have also opened their home to Wesleyan students from that region and feel a special connection to these students who are so far away from home. In the future, they plan to take Nikolas and Galia back to Bulgaria so they can visit and learn more about their native country.

Kym Preuss Lukosky '90 and her husband, John, live in Redmond, Washington. They also found international adoption to be the best option for their family. They and their three-year-old biological daughter wanted a larger family. After researching various countries, Kym and John felt drawn to Kazakhstan. Because orphanages in that region boast favorable child to caretaker ratios, they knew their adoptive child would have received appropriate care. The region's success rate with international adoption was evident especially with infants. But they found it disheartening to read poor statistical outcomes about the children over age two who were left in the orphanage system and decided to focus their efforts on providing a home for a young child in this age range.

During February and March of 2001, they spent three weeks in Kazakhstan following the country's procedures and protocol for adoption, which included spending four hours each day with their children in the orphanage and filing the appropriate legal paperwork.

"When we had group time with the children," Kym remembered, "our daughter was the only one who did not come running up to us saying 'mama' or 'papa.'"

She was so attached to the caregivers that she would stand in the corner and cry. But by the end of our four weeks there, she was fine."

The Lukoskys adopted two-year-old Dinara, and seven-month-old Noah. Kym describes the pair as fire and ice, "Noah is always smiling and easy-going, while Dinara is opinionated and strong-willed." Some interesting developmental and cultural adaptations were necessary for the children; for instance, they were not accustomed to warm baths. During the adjustment period, their three-year-old biological daughter, Emma, quickly learned a few important words in the Kazakhstan language such as "stop" (pronounced "boldah").

Today, Dinara, age eight, is social, nurturing, charming, and popular with school-mates. Noah, age six, is an exceptionally bright first grader who reads at a third grade level, displays computer proficiency, and builds elaborate designs with Legos.

"Adoption has given us so much," said Kym. "It was the path that we chose to build our family." For her husband, she claimed, adoption seemed a much more inclusive experience than pregnancy because he was immersed in the process completely from the beginning. "Adoption is like climbing Mt. Everest," she continued. "The climb is difficult; but once you reach the summit, it is an amazing experience. We have even considered a future adoption from one of the African nations."

Patti Eakes Harris '76 and her husband, Steve, live in Atlanta, Georgia. For years, the Harrises parented foster children and assumed that one day they would eventually adopt one. Both in their fifties, they now recognize how fate and faith led them down a different path. The Harrises attended an open house on the state of orphanages in China, which they described as a shocking and eye-opening experience. During the ride home neither of them spoke and after an extended silence, Patti's husband said simply: "let's do it."

"Our fate was sealed from that point on," remembered Patti. "We felt a burden to adopt one of these children from China." When contacted by the open house hostess, Patti expressed interest and was immediately informed about a four-year-old girl with a severe liver disease whose adoption file was about to expire in the United States. The

child's grim medical records indicated the need for a liver transplant; but still, the Harrises felt a connection and determination to help the child.

"How bold of us to ask God for a child with no problems," said Patti. "Families deal everyday with children who have leukemia and other diseases. We felt that we could not ask for a perfect child."

Patti's fears grew as they learned, "many girls in the Chinese orphanages are deemed unadoptable after six and become outcasts. At best, these girls, depending on their appearances, may be able to secure employment in a brothel. Many children with physical or medical problems are basically left to die."

Their adoption story changed again when, through the agency's website, they learned of a two-year-old girl who had been diagnosed with congenital glaucoma. They wanted to simultaneously adopt the two unrelated girls—something that the Chinese government had never approved.

The Harrises set out to document compelling reasons to ensure the Chinese government's approval for this unusual circumstance. They even retained medical specialists prepared to care for the girls' health conditions, plus found schools and neighbors with Chinese language skills.

"One day our adoption counselor called and said 'history was made today,'" Patti said. "For the first time in adoption history, the Chinese authorities had approved an application of two non-related children with special needs." (A Wesleyan First!)

Faced with the prospect of an enormous financial burden, the Harrises began raising funds to off-set adoption fees and medical expenses. Anonymous donors, family, friends, and even celebrities all contributed to their cause. Steven Curtis Chapman, an award-winning Christian singer who had also adopted from China, made a \$10,000 donation to assist the Harrises. Between refinancing their home and generous donations, they were able to finalize the adoption. In October 2006, Patti traveled to China for two weeks to complete the adoption process and bring the girls home.

Their daughters, RuiJean (age 5) and XuYing (age 3), did not adjust well when

forced to leave the orphanage. "They cried for hours every night in the hotel and when we would go out in public, RuiJean would scream out in Mandarin Chinese that I was kidnapping her," remembered Patti. "I could not help but ask myself if I was doing the right thing."

Once in the United States, the girls began to transition by learning English and settling in to the American culture, while Steve and Patti immediately sought medical care for the girls' health issues. Unexpectedly, joyous news came when the physicians found that RuiJean was healthy and her physical examination did not match the orphanage's medical records indicating serious liver disease. XuYing also received medical care for her glaucoma and her vision was restored to eighty percent. She wears glasses, and might not be able to drive later, but she has no other restrictions.

"Both girls are so loving and gentle," said Patti. "They always tell me 'mama we are so grateful.'"

Reflecting back, Patti felt she was always being groomed to care for the girls. From the emphasis at Wesleyan on the Soong sisters to her fascination with Chinese culture and literary works like Pearl Buck's *The Good Earth*, she believes God was preparing her for the role of mothering two Mandarin daughters.

"I have no doubt this was orchestrated by God; not once did Steve and I ever have any differing ideas or thoughts about what we should do," said Patti. "God said to us 'walk through this door on faith and you will see my glory manifested.'" And they did.

Mary Hodge Malone '57 has experienced international adoption from an entirely different perspective. During the mid-1980s, she helped found the Open Door Adoption Agency in Thomasville, Georgia.

Her husband, a local pediatrician, consulted with pregnant teenage girls who felt like they had few options. Meanwhile, he and Mary knew of couples who wanted babies. "Naively, I started out just thinking we would help a few girls in Thomas County," she said.

The agency's first baby was quite a learning experience. "A girl called from a McDonald's to say she was in labor and needed help. When the baby was born, it had hydrocephaly and spina bifida and



Adoption Agencies Alumnae Recommend:

Adoption Associates, Inc.
1338 Baldwin
Jenison, MI 49428
(800) 677-2367
www.adoptionassociates.net

Bethany Christian Services (National Office)
P.O. Box 294, 901 Eastern Avenue NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49501-0294
(616) 224-7610 www.bethany.org

New Life Adoption Agency
711 East Genesee Street, Suite 210
Syracuse, NY 13210
(315) 422-7300
www.newlifeadoption.org

Open Door Adoption Agency
P.O. Box 4, 218 East Jackson Street
Thomasville, GA 31799
(229) 228-6339
www.opendooradoption.org

World Partners Adoption, Inc.
2205 Summit Oaks Court
Lawrenceville, GA 30043
(800) 350-7338 Local Atlanta: (770) 962-7860
www.worldpartnersadoption.org

was immediately sent to Augusta for complicated and expensive surgery," she recalled. Doctors and DFACS workers cautioned Mary about her involvement in the situation. But, within a few days, the agency found a couple who wanted the baby regardless of its health concerns.

"We learned that there are no unwanted babies, just unfound families. That became our agency's motto and we earned the reputation for placing all babies," said Mary.

The agency became involved in international adoptions when a man called and requested assistance getting his wife and baby into the United States from Taiwan. The agency staff became well informed about international laws and discovered a large number of couples in Canada looking to adopt. Thereafter, they successfully placed many children born to American girls with Canadian families.

Eventually, many American couples looked to Mary's agency for help with international adoptions. Through their work with many countries, the agency helped build trust among vastly different

cultures and dispel illogical but prevalent stereotypes. During a trip overseas to Russia, Mary learned more about the Russian orphanage system but was appalled to meet Russians who were resistant to the thought of Americans adopting their children because they feared their children would be harvested for organs. Mary's group shared stories of loving families in the United States desperate to rear adoptive children in caring homes.

After more than ten years with the agency, Mary and her husband moved from Thomasville but left the agency thriving with twenty-eight employees statewide, plus other supporters like Wesleyanne Carol Bacon Kelso '73, a dedicated board member.

Mary and her family know first-hand the challenges of raising internationally adopted children. Her daughter has three Latvian children who all have special needs. The advice she gives families comes from two perspectives. "From an agency standpoint," she said, "families should realize that adoption is a rewarding but strenuous process. I encourage families to take advantage of,

and seek assistance from, counselors or support groups. There are issues that any family adopting either domestically or internationally will face—be willing to find someone to help you through those issues."

From a personal standpoint, she advised, "If you can, adopt two children at the same time from the same culture—siblings are a bonus. Children who are different, especially those who differ in appearance, will appreciate and value the support garnered from having a similar child in the family."

With international adoption, as with a mother's love, there are no boundaries. Neither distance nor any other obstacle stood in the path of these alumnae who knew in their hearts that their children, by luck of geography, were born overseas. Guided by an inner compass, each felt destined and determined to bring their children home. Along the way all were blind to differences in ethnicity and none ever deterred from the course. But unanimously they agreed, it was the gift of faith and prayer that fueled their journeys.

Pictured above is Noah, age 6, son of Kymberly Preuss-Lukosky '90 on a family vacation to NYC in July 2006. Noah and sister, Dinara, were quite proud to learn what immigration means historically at Ellis Island as immigrants themselves. Noah proudly posed with a postcard and the Statue of Liberty in the background. Photo by John Lukosky.



Impassioned & educated

Child Labor is a vicious global issue affecting 221 million children in industries worldwide.

International textile entrepreneur and children's rights activist Stephanie Odegard knows the issue and has traveled to far reaching parts of the world. Stopping off at Wesleyan in October, she led our campus on a thought-provoking journey through her presentation, *How Are the Children? Not Well: Global Exploitation of Children*.

Stephanie Odegard (a former Peace Corps volunteer and consultant for The World Bank, United Nations, and the governments of Nepal, Jamaica, and the South Pacific Islands) currently owns Odegard, Inc. with offices in New York and factories in Nepal. She is the founder of the RugMark Foundation, which is committed to saving children from labor exploitation in the rug industry.

More than a design leader, Odegard is a model of social responsibility and a leader in the economic development of Nepal, the country where her carpets are produced. Her steadfast promotion of ethical

labor practices has impacted the quality of life for children and their families.

In 2004, she was highlighted by *House Beautiful* as a Giant of Design. According to the magazine, "being a design giant means raising people's standard of living; changing the atmosphere for the better. For Stephanie Odegard that means more than bringing warmth and decorative splendor to interiors with Tibetan floor coverings. By steadfastly promoting the artesian crafts of Nepal and promoting ethical labor practices, she has succeeded in improving the quality of life for carpet-weavers halfway across the world."

Odegard's speech was part of an afternoon of events addressing the global exploitation of children. It was presented by Wesleyan's Lane Center in keeping with the Center's mission of empowering women and elevating the status of women. Odegard's involvement with the

problems of global child labor exploitation resonated with students, faculty, and staff.

Odegard's company designs and manufacturers rugs in Nepal, utilizing the native carpet weaving trade of the country and employing approximately 10,000 people. The company is a leader in the carpet industry by traditional business standards. But Odegard redefines leadership for her industry even further by setting a new precedent and by speaking out against the abuses of child labor.

"Stephanie is a wonderful example of how if you follow your heart your vocation will follow," said Lane Center Director Dr. Catherine Meeks. "She followed her heart's desire of helping others and is making a difference in the world."

Complementing Odegard's lecture, students and faculty also viewed the film *Stolen Childhoods*, which documents the abuses of children in

the cocoa farms, stone quarries, fishing docks, carpet factories, and agriculture industries worldwide. Participants were shocked to see the United States' agricultural industry highlighted in the film for the self-perpetuating cycle of forcing children to choose work over education.

Students like Madeline Allsup, international relations major, were impacted greatly. "I walked away from the convocation more informed, motivated, and determined than I have ever been," Allsup said. "My goal is to work with children throughout the world...attending this convocation did nothing but confirm my desires, as well as motivate me even more to not wait to take action—but to take action now."

"All of us who have the opportunity to attend Wesleyan are being given the chance of a lifetime, and need to understand that *to whom much is given, much will be expected.*" This important global issue is a call to action for Allsup who recognized, "we have a duty, not only to ourselves but also to the world and to those around us. We must use the skills and knowledge we gain here at Wesleyan to make a positive impact on the world."

Joining Odegard in a panel discussion that followed the film were John Trew from the CARE organization and Pat Willis from Voices for Georgia's Children. Both organizations focus efforts on improving the status of children with human rights based activism.

"I am thrilled with the energy generated from this convocation and the conversations that followed," remarked Dr. Meeks. "The students have been thinking deeply and several are moved to do something in response to the program."

To equip students further, a special topics course entitled "Leadership in the 21st Century" has been developed and will be offered to students this summer. "The students

have been moved by an increased awareness of global issues and now have the desire to examine many of those issues locally," said Dr. Meeks. "To specifically address child labor issues, the special topics course will include a service project that will focus on migrant children in Georgia. Working with Voices for Georgia's Children and CARE, the students will pursue the status of children in our state so that they are equipped to address child labor

practices here locally, and perhaps worldwide."

Through the RugMark Foundation, Wesleyan is currently trying to identify a rescued child from Nepal who would qualify for a scholarship and be interested in continuing her education as a student on our campus.

Get Involved:

www.care.org

www.georgiavoices.org



©Romano/Stolen Childhoods.



RugMark strives to improve the working conditions in the carpet industry. This non-profit organization is dedicated to studying the child labor issues in Nepal, Pakistan, and India. Participating manufacturers must prove that no child labor exists to receive the RugMark seal on their finished products.

RugMark facilitates a rescue organization for children found in the forced labor market and operates rehabilitation and education centers for abused children. As consumers, we can support anti-child labor efforts. Demand the RugMark seal the next time you purchase a fine rug and encourage your carpet manufacturer to support the RugMark Foundation.



©Romano/Stolen Childhoods.

Child Labor: an issue with no boundaries

—reprinted with permission from RugMark Foundation.

Around the world, millions of children have never had a childhood. They are forced to work, sometimes as child laborers, sometimes as virtual slaves. This practice is illegal; and child labor is a crime committed against nearly 220 million children around the world.

Many of the worst forms of child labor exist in India, Nepal, and Pakistan where child trafficking, commercial sexual exploitation, bonded child labor, child domestic work, and the recruitment and use of children for armed conflict or drug trafficking are prevalent.

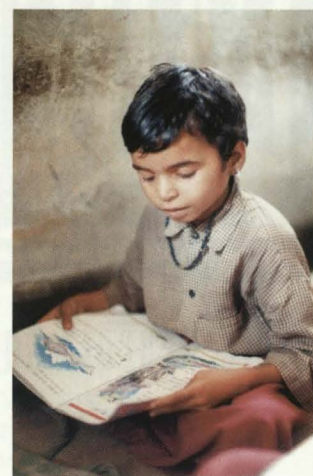
Demand for child labor is so high that desperate parents sell their children into bondage. According to UNICEF, fourteen percent of children in India between the ages of five and fourteen are engaged in child labor activities, including carpet production.

While some people mistakenly think it beneficial when all members of a family work, child labor actually makes poverty worse. Child workers come cheaply, and sometimes at no cost, and drive down wages for adult laborers. Plus children who work forfeit an education that could have helped them achieve a higher standard of

living as adults. Child laborers are vulnerable to exploitation and abuse, are subject to long hours of physically demanding and unrelenting work, and suffer from deprivation and poor health.

The handmade carpet industry exploits nearly 300,000 children in South Asia and is a major "employer" of child labor. Children ages four to fourteen are kidnapped or trafficked, then sold into debt bondage or forced labor. They are subject to malnutrition, impaired vision and deformities from sitting long hours in cramped loom sheds. They suffer

The handmade carpet industry exploits nearly 300,000 children in South Asia and is a major employer of child labor. Children ages 4 to 14 are kidnapped or trafficked, then sold into debt bondage or forced labor. They are subject to malnutrition, impaired vision and deformities from sitting long hours in cramped loom sheds. They suffer respiratory diseases from inhaling wool fibers and wounds from using sharp tools.



respiratory diseases from inhaling wool fibers and wounds from using sharp tools.

Rugs are among South Asia's top export products and a high-employment sector for the poor. If child exploitation is a norm in a country's principle industry, there is little chance to break the cycle of extreme poverty.

Once trafficked into one form of labor, there is a strong likelihood that children may later be sold into another. For instance, a high percentage of girls from rural Nepal, recruited to work in carpet factories, are trafficked into the sex industry over the border in India.

(Helping Hands or Shackled Lives? Understanding Child Domestic Labour and Responses to It, ILO/IPEC, Geneva, June 2004)

In Pakistan, young children whose parents take money in advance for their work on carpet looms are victims of a debt-bondage system. The children are paid half the wages of older workers and are not allowed to leave the premises until the debt is fully paid. Older workers sexually abuse these children, about a quarter of whom are girls under the age of fifteen.

(A Rapid Assessment of Bonded Labour in the Carpet Industry of Pakistan, International Labour Office, March 2004)

While these are grim statistics, there is hope. The RugMark Foundation's work is having a profound effect. Since 1995, RugMark has freed more than 3,000 children from looms and deterred thousands more from entering the work force. Educational programs

funded by the sale of RugMark-certified rugs and donations to RugMark help these children through rehabilitation, daycare, literacy, formal schooling, and vocational training. In Nepal, child labor in carpet production has dropped from eleven percent in 1996 to three percent today. RugMark is credited for this success because the number of licensed factories it inspected in Nepal grew to sixty-five percent during those same years.

For more information about how to stop child labor visit www.rugmark.org

Servant LEADERSHIP



Middle Georgia Business Community Changing the Way They "Do Business"

Ever hear the one about the corporate executive, the minister, and the college professor? Strange partnerships are forged when all involved become greedy for a greater purpose. That's the foundation of a leadership philosophy and business trend many call *servant leadership*—an idea that may transform today's problems into tomorrow's solutions.

Servant leadership incorporates an authentic gift to lead with a more purposeful vision, and many local businesses are anxious to capitalize on the concept. According to the more than one hundred participants of a seminar series hosted by Wesleyan College, redefining leadership is not just a trend; it's everybody's business.

"Today's leaders must be more concerned about serving others than garnering recognition or improving the bottom line," said Wesleyan Professor Dr. Catherine Meeks. "When serving with a sense of purpose, uniting diverse people toward common goals,

and tackling real problems with genuine authenticity are primary—the rest will come naturally."

The concept inspired Wesleyan's Lane Center for Community Engagement and Service to organize a series of seminars introducing the philosophy to business leaders throughout middle Georgia. A successful 2005 seminar involving ministers and academic leaders was expanded this year into a four-part lunch and learn seminar series that has attracted many corporate professionals. A capstone session featured Bill Turner, chairman emeritus of the executive committee of Synovus Financial Corporation.

Successful businesses like Synovus Corporation headquartered in Columbus apply the concept with great results. The diversified financial services holding company boasts more than \$30 billion in assets. The company provides integrated financial services including banking, financial management, insurance, mortgage, and leasing

in Georgia, Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, and Tennessee. In addition to the company's financial successes, it also has received accolades like *Fortune's* "Best Companies to Work For", *Business Magazine's* "Best Corporate Citizens" and *Georgia Trend's* "Top Public Companies." Synovus built a healthy bottom line and continues to "do well" by "doing good" using a servant leadership philosophy.

Servant leadership is a phrase coined during the 1970s describing a caliber or characteristic of successful business leaders driven to use their leadership as a position of service and positively empowering those around them. Over the last thirty years, successful organizations committed to the idea have transformed employees at all levels into servant leaders and are changing the face of today's business culture.

Well known as a philosophy of life that encourages individuals and organizations to focus on meeting

the legitimate needs of others, it is also a systematic way of conducting business. A business strategy that allows each member of the team to live their best life, and achieve their fullest potential while in the workplace, is the key to developing individuals who will influence the directions and actions of organizations—and society.

Servant leadership is more than the business catch-phrase of the day, it is a redefining of organizations based on the timeless principle that it is not what you get but what you give that matters most. During one recent panel discussion held at Wesleyan, Dr. Edwin Chase of the Methodist Home for Children and Youth described servant leadership as the “benevolent disease that you want your organization to catch.”

Businesses and organizations committed to the servant leadership principles apply rigorous assessment tools to management and employees. These groups also throw away conventional hierarchies and business practices to solve the daily challenges of the workplace.

“I attended [Wesleyan’s] program at the suggestion of Cameron Pennebaker from the Center for Racial Understanding,” commented Nancy White, Macon City Councilwoman. “I think we can all learn about ourselves and our organizations by utilizing tools like the 360 Assessments. It is only through honest assessments that we can make ourselves better leaders.”

Communities are using the principles of servant leadership to solve local issues. During a panel discussion held at one of the Wesleyan seminars, moderator and servant leadership trainer Eva Cooper commented that it is virtually a crime in Columbus,

Georgia, for a business or organization to be territorial. Servant leadership is so engrained in this neighboring community that it is an expectation of local leaders and business owners.

This philosophical difference is largely due to the leadership of Bill Turner of the Synovus Financial Corporation. Turner served as chairman of the organization and a leader in the Columbus business community. He has been a strong force in changing the way that businesses and business leaders in Columbus see their roles.

Addressing a large crowd during the capstone session of Wesleyan’s series on servant leadership, Turner explained basic principles included in his memoir, *The Learning of Love: A Journey Toward Servant Leadership* (2000). The organizational structure in a business, family, or community that follows servant leadership turns upside down, with the leader at the bottom supporting those who do the work. The leader maintains open channels of communication and encourages creativity in ideas and actions, with the understanding that stakeholders following their creativity will lead to increased strengthening of the organization.

Turner adopted this philosophy of life, work, and philanthropy in his own service. In 1955, noting a need for mental health services in the Columbus area, the Turners endowed the Bradley Center. In 1974 the Bradley Center gave rise to another organization, the Pastoral Institute, which is now home to the Center for Servant Leadership.

Upon retirement from active business leadership in 1987, Turner has devoted additional time to refining the model of servant leadership and to allowing it to

benefit more sectors of Columbus and the greater Georgia community. He was appointed by Governor Joe Frank Harris in 1986 to serve on the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. He was involved in recruiting the women’s softball competition of the 1996 Olympic Games to Columbus and to building the stadium where the events took place.

Through the Bradley-Turner Foundation, he and his family have been central to the redevelopment of uptown Columbus, from the expansion and upgrading of Columbus State University to the improvement of public housing in the Columbus area. They were also central players in the highly successful Columbus Challenge fund-raising campaign, which raised \$87 million in capital and endowment funds for eight cultural organizations. The Bradley-Turner Foundation has also supported Wesleyan through the years, including a significant gift to the construction of the Munroe Science Center. The foundation has endowed professorships and centers for servant leadership at several public and private institutions throughout the state.

Turner has served on the boards for The Coca-Cola Company, Emory University and the University of Georgia Board of Regents. He carefully weaves family, church, business, and community to create a pattern for living and practicing servant leadership.

Pictured: Bill Turner autographs a copy of his book, *The Learning of Love: A Journey Toward Servant Leadership*, for former City of Macon Mayor, Lee Robinson.



Single-Gender Advantage

“Both of my daughters had excellent college experiences, but I’d have to give the edge to the single-gender school.” – Kay West, proud mother of a Wesleyan alumna.

The debate on single gender schools rages on. Studies show that graduates from women’s colleges are better served and achieve disproportionately higher career positions than their peers at coed institutions. But only a small percentage of women choose to attend a college with no boys. With women outnumbering men at most colleges and universities, do we still need women’s colleges today?

According to one family’s experience, the answer is clearly ‘yes.’

Kay and Wayne West reared their two daughters, Deidra and Erin, in the small Southwest Georgia town of Byromville.

The couple ran the family-owned farm and cotton gin while their daughters attended Fullington Academy, a small, private PK-12 school in Pinehurst, Georgia. Though three years apart, the sisters had many of the same teachers, played sports and enjoyed plenty of close friends. They both brighten any conversation or room they enter.

When it came time to choose a college, each had the grades and resources to go just about anywhere they liked. In 1992, Deidra decided to enroll at Wesleyan College. Three years later, Erin entered Auburn University, a large, public coed school in Auburn, Alabama.

“Deidra could have succeeded anywhere,” said Kay, “but we tried to steer her to a smaller college because she grew up in a small town and attended a small high school. Wesleyan had a great reputation for challenging the minds of young women and bringing out their potential. We immediately fell in love with the campus and people we met at Wesleyan.”

“I remember feeling a lot of pressure during my first semester at Wesleyan,” said Deidra. “The classes were small and the professors knew if you were prepared or not. But by the middle of my first semester, I knew I had made the right choice of schools.”

"Deidra blossomed at Wesleyan," according to her mother, Kay. "She was excited about everything—her classes, playing basketball, and joining various organizations. She might not have been as focused on her studies at a coed school."

"All of the professors were fantastic," remembered Deidra. "I learned how to think and quickly developed a strong self-confidence that I'm not sure I would have reached if there were boys in class."

Today, Deidra West Smith '96 is the Construction Sales & Design Manager at Sea Island Company, developers of the coastal Georgia resort. "I made many life-long friends at Wesleyan and there is often some connection to Wesleyan with many of the customers I meet. The skills I learned in earning my communications degree prepared me well for dealing with the challenges of my job today," she said.

"Deidra has the perfect qualities to be the liaison between clients and home builders," according to Macon native Dennie McCrary, past president of Sea Island Company and Wesleyan trustee. "Her work is demanding and she does a superb job of meeting the challenges."

Debunking a common stereotype, Deidra does not feel that she missed out on social activities at an all-women's college. "I didn't care about football games in college, but now I love to go to Bulldog games with my husband, Taylor, who is a UGA graduate. There was no lack of social opportunities at Wesleyan. I loved theater and basketball. Mercer was down the street and Atlanta is only an hour away."

Erin graduated from Auburn in 1999. "I loved everything about Auburn," she

said. "Deidra and I are a lot alike, but we each got exactly what we wanted out of our very different choices of colleges."

Erin went on to receive her Master's from the Atlanta School of Professional Psychology in Atlanta. She and her husband Wade Kovacs are raising their family in Macon. "All in all, I'd say Deidra got a better education. While I stay in close touch with a few sorority friends, Deidra will forever be part of the Wesleyan sisterhood," said Erin.

Parents Kay and Wayne stayed in touch with both daughters during college by serving as leaders in the parent associations at both Wesleyan and Auburn. Kay presently serves on Wesleyan's Board of Trustees. "I have a strong belief in single gender schools, and Wesleyan in particular," said Kay.

Over the years and despite the distance, the sisters have remained very close. One of their shared dreams came true in 2004 when they opened their own women's clothing boutique in North Macon. *Sorella*, which means sister in Italian, has quickly become a very successful store for fine women's apparel and accessories. While Erin runs the day-to-day operations, Deidra joins her on buying trips and shares in the overall management decisions.

"Wesleyan allowed me to explore my personal strengths and develop confidence in my abilities," said Deidra. "I love my family and my career, and I owe much of what I have to my Wesleyan experience. Going to a women's college may not be for everyone; but for me it was a fantastic experience."

RICK MAIER, *Wesleyan College Vice President for Business and Fiscal Affairs*

Wesleyan outperforms Top 10% on NSSE

According to the seventh annual report of the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), Wesleyan College outperformed the Top 10% of colleges and universities nationally in all five categories studied: active and collaborative learning, enriching educational experiences, level of academic challenge, student-faculty interaction, and supportive campus environment. Among first-year student respondents and senior respondents, Wesleyan scored higher than the Top 10% of all NSSE 2006 U.S. institutions on the benchmark.

Additionally, the report's overall findings demonstrate positive indicators of a private college experience and of a single gender educational experience over a co-educational public educational experience. Released annually in November, the NSSE project is sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and is a national effort to improve collegiate quality. The survey findings provide comparative standards for determining how effectively colleges are contributing to learning.

The 2006 NSSE report is based on information from about 260,000 randomly selected first-year and senior students at 523 four-year colleges and universities. The study gives schools an idea of how well students are learning and what they put into and get out of their undergraduate experience.

"At a time when the quality of postsecondary education seems to be slipping, participating in engaged learning activities promises to prepare students for a lifetime of continuous learning so that they and the country stay competitive in the global marketplace," said NSSE Director George Kuh.

Pictured: Sisters Deidra West Smith '96 and Erin West Kovacs own Sorella, a fine women's apparel store in Vineville Crossing at 4420 Forsyth Road in Macon. Photo by Ken Krakow Photography, www.kenkrakow.com.



"It's ALL good"

Crystal Church is a gym rat. "I've been going to high school basketball games my entire life," she says. "I grew up around a gym."

No kidding. She spent one night during the Thanksgiving holiday at a high school basketball game in Columbus with her father, a retired coach. They just went to a random game and sat and watched and talked basketball. The old coach and perhaps the budding coach, currently plying her trade as a freshman point guard at Wesleyan College.

It was a fairly typical father-daughter, coach-player outing, a couple of basketball junkies just watching hoops during the break before she returned to college and her own new team. Except for one slight difference—Crystal Church is deaf.

And (as a freshman point guard who seldom started in high school, but now does for the Pioneers), it seems oddly fitting that an unrecruited, 5-foot-3 former shooting guard who is mostly deaf is now running the show. "It's definitely," understates sophomore Amber Carden, speaking for her teammates, "a new experience."

Church's speech is clearer than the average hearing-impaired person, more impressive considering her young age and never having actually heard the speech of others. If any of it bothers her, she hides it well. Throughout a conversation with a stranger, the personality of a cheerful, energetic, smart, basketball-loving, knowledge-seeking college freshman becomes the overwhelming perception.

Any self-consciousness is either remarkably well-hidden or non-existent between a constant smile and occasional giggles. Then again, if the topic is basketball, she's smiling. Church is still working on being a little more forceful on the floor. After all, she's the point guard, but also only a freshman.

"I was a shooting guard in high school," she says. "I like the point. I like having the ball in my hands. I think I was born to play point guard."

Church has been hearing-impaired almost her entire life. It developed as a result of chemotherapy treatment for neuroblastoma, a cancer of specific nerve cells—neural crest cells—which are "involved in the development of the nervous system and other tissues," according to cancerbackup.org.

The cancer was discovered when she was less than two months old, and a growth wrapped around her spine and aorta. She had successful surgery that improved on the fifty percent chance to walk she was given. Church began chemotherapy only a few months after birth, but doctors discovered the cancer had spread to her liver, and they couldn't remove the dozens of tumors, so the chemo continued for more than ten months.

An eventual side effect of the treatment—particularly at that young age—is often hearing loss. In Church's case, it's an eighty percent loss, which is considered

"profound." While Church hasn't had the pleasure of hearing the specifics of a coach's high-volume scolding, she still can hear a little bit, although she is adept at lip-reading. "Enunciating, but shouting," laughs sophomore Carissa Mitchell on the communication issue. "We combine the two."

Carden says the adjustments haven't been major. "We haven't had any communication problems; the biggest thing is to make sure she's looking at me, if I say something."

Take away the hearing deficiency and a slightly altered speech pattern, and Church is just another ponytailed guard and coach's daughter who's at home on the hardwood. She says that she doesn't watch college basketball much on television. "I just play. I like going to basketball games back home. I definitely like being in the gym," says Church.

She recruited Wesleyan after driving past the school one day a few years ago and liking the campus. She investigated, filled out an online application and then started the ball rolling herself. Sara Wilson had just arrived at Wesleyan as volleyball coach and found out a week before basketball started that she was to take on roundball as well. Church, then a senior at Brookstone High, made the first inquiry of the new coach.

"She informed me of her hearing impairment," Wilson recalls, "and she was more comfortable communicating through e-mail." That was the recruiting process for Church.

Wilson never saw Church play basketball—except on videotape—but watched her compete in a track meet and saw the athletic ability.

"She's really good," Carden says. "She's definitely been a help to our team. Point guard, I don't care what you say. I've had to play the point. I'm glad I'm not there."

And life as a freshman point has been rough, for Church has been saddled with a double-digit turnover average on an offensive-starved team. The main situation where the hearing loss affects Church is on defense. When somebody slides up to set a screen, Church won't hear the warning and has taken some quality pops. That, and stopping when the whistle's blown.

"Usually the refs don't have a problem because we tell them before the game," she says. "I only had one ref in high school who completely forgot and got really upset with me that I didn't stop. He was like, 'I'm sorry.'"

The third of four children Church is in just about the best shape of her life. Taking up cross country this fall—for the first time—really helped. Church's youth was spent as much on the soccer fields of Columbus as basketball courts. "I actually played soccer most of my life," she says. "I got a little burned out on it. But I love basketball. I could never leave it."

That relationship with the game led Carden to offer a unique observation. "Actually, she hears more than most other people anyway," Carden says with a chuckle. "I've played on teams where people didn't listen." A difference between hearing and listening? "Exactly," says Carden. "Not everybody listens."

One might think Church has never had the experience of a coach yelling at her, but she and Wilson offer with a smile that points get across. "I hear the volume," laughs Church. "I know when she's mad. I usually know what she's mad about."

Church has been cancer-free for several years, and only the hearing loss is a sign of any previous medical issues. Now, she works on her 3.5 grade point average and cutting down on those turnovers.

Hearing the squeak of sneakers and the swish of a sweet jumper would obviously be nice. But she's in the gym and playin' ball, and that will always inspire a little shrug and a big smile. "It's all good."

Excerpts reprinted with permission from *The Macon Telegraph*, by Michael Lough, Staff Writer December 5, 2006. Photo by Grant Blankenship.

Named a National "College of Distinction"

Wesleyan College has been named a "College of Distinction" by Student Horizons, Inc. and will be one of 300 colleges highlighted in a guidebook published later this year. Through its publication and website, the organization profiles teaching-centered colleges and universities throughout the United States that consistently excel at engaging students, fostering vibrant campus communities, and producing successful graduates.

An independent committee of high school counselors and college admissions professionals selected Wesleyan for inclusion in the inaugural edition of the *Colleges of Distinction* guidebook. Selection to the prestigious group is based on four distinctions, or established pillars of a solid undergraduate education: student engagement in the educational process, great teaching, vibrant learning communities, and successful outcomes.

The selection criteria delves well beyond the usual criteria utilized to develop popular national college rankings to look

instead at the total college experience. The organization examines issues that students encounter as they enter an institution, while they are on campus, and beyond.

Most importantly, *Colleges of Distinction* examines whether students are enriched by their experiences at their institutions. Looking at the total college experience, the organization expanded upon the criteria identified by the national Survey on Student Engagement (NSSE). Other criteria areas include: selectivity rate, graduation rate, retention rate, faculty to student ratio, class size, alumni giving rate, student involvement, experimental learning opportunities, rate of employment after graduation, and rate of graduate school acceptance.

Student Horizons, Inc., headquartered in Washington DC, is a media and technology company that was founded by a group of concerned parents in 2002 in association with college and high school educators.

High Ranks with Washington Monthly

Wesleyan College ranks as one of the nation's Top 100 liberal arts colleges in *The Washington Monthly College Rankings* released fourth quarter of 2006. The guide highlights national institutions known for academic excellence and ranks the institutions based on indicators of ability to produce future leaders. The aim of the publication is to rank and promote colleges "which are good for the country."

According to the publication, Wesleyan is one of the nation's 100 liberal arts colleges designed to not only teach young people well but also produce students who are working to create a better world. Three areas—research, service, and social mobility—establish *Washington Monthly's* selected institutions as leaders, unlike any other nationally published college ranking guide.

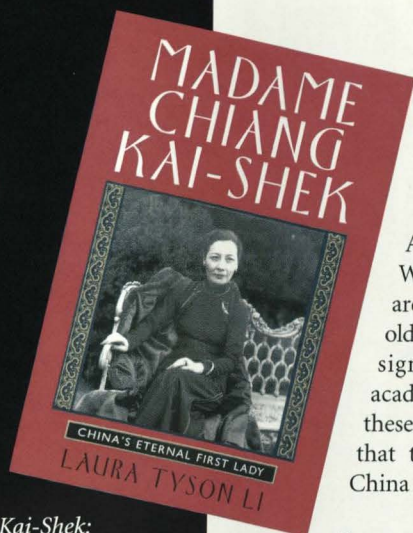
"Colleges should," according to *Washington Monthly's* editors, "be engines of social mobility, they should produce the academic minds and scientific research that advance knowledge and drive

economic growth, and they should develop and encourage an ethic of service."

The editors of the magazine claim to offer a completely different college ranking guide designed to inspire schools to aim for higher and more purposeful standards, such as: enroll more low-income students and ensure they graduate, encourage students to join the military or the Peace Corps, and produce more scientists and engineers. Starting with a different assumption about what constitutes the "best" schools, *Washington Monthly* selected three indicators of how well a school benefits the country.

Those indicators are: how well the school performs as an engine of social mobility by providing an education accessible to students from low income families, how well the school fosters scientific and humanistic research, and how well the school promotes service leadership and an ethic of service to country.

Women's History Month speaker



Laura Tyson Li, the author of *Madame Chiang Kai-Shek: China's Eternal First Lady*, returned to Wesleyan College in March as a featured Women's History Month speaker and offered insightful information about the subject of her recent biography, as well as information about valuable research resources available in the Willet Memorial Library. Selected by *Booklist* as a 2006 "Editors Choice" book, the biography is the newest addition to our library's special collection and continues to receive acclaim.

According to the *Los Angeles Times*, "*Laura Tyson Li's incisive new biography... rises to the tall task of capturing this pivotal figure in all her splendor and humiliation, against a backdrop of war, revolution and unending political turmoil...*"

While researching for the biography, Li utilized the archives and special collections housed in the Willet Memorial Library. Fluent in Mandarin, Li spent a decade living in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan as a business reporter for the *South China Morning Post* and Taiwan correspondent for *The Financial Times*. She has also written for *The Economist* and currently lives in New York City.

The very first biography of one of the most politically influential women of the twentieth century, *Madame Chiang Kai-Shek* tells the story of an extraordinary woman who has become a symbol of America's long, vexed love affair with China and China's own struggle to define itself as a world power.

MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK
 Laura Tyson Li
 Atlantic Monthly Press, \$30
 ISBN: 0-87113-933-2

China Room houses Special Collection

As students walk across Wesleyan's open quad, they are surrounded by eighty-year-old live oaks and historically-significant, Georgian-styled academic buildings. It is among these hints of the southern past that the history and culture of China thrives.

Once on campus, Wesleyan women quickly realize how much they have in common with three young students of the early 1900s who traveled from China to gain access to a world-class educational opportunity. Now, a newly expanded permanent special collection housed in the Willet Memorial Library showcases the legend of the three Soong sisters and the Chinese culture. With guest book open and ready to log international visitors, Wesleyan invites the public to come and learn more about our legendary alumnae.

Our relationship with the Soong family dates back nearly one hundred years when Charles Soong and his wife wanted to find a western institution, with Methodist affiliation, to educate their three daughters. By the late nineteenth century, Wesleyan had already earned a reputation for providing a first-class education and was well-known across the globe. And so in 1904, the Soong's oldest daughter, Ai-ling, came to Macon, Georgia from a land literally on the other side of the world. Only a few years passed before all three daughters made Macon, Georgia, their home; and by 1909, the matriculation book showed Ai-ling, Ching-ling, and May-ling registered as students.

Wesleyan College molded the three young girls into women who changed Chinese and world history. The two oldest daughters, Ai-ling and Ching-ling, graduated from Wesleyan respectively in 1909 and 1913. After her sisters graduated, the youngest daughter, May-ling, left Wesleyan to attend Wellesley College to be closer to her brother who was attending Harvard.

Well beyond commencement, the love affair between Wesleyan College and the Soong sisters continued despite that each of the sisters returned to China. The eldest daughter, Ai-ling, married H.H. Kung—a prominent figure in China's government and finance

industry during the 1900s. Ching-ling went against her parents' wishes by marrying the much older, Sun Yat-Sen, and today is referred to as the matriarch of China. Youngest daughter, May-ling, returned to China and married General Chiang Kai-Shek. As Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, she dominated China's politics during the twentieth century and is remembered as China's eternal first lady. Madame Chiang lived to be 105 years old and remains one of the most notable figures in Chinese and world history.

Over the last century, Wesleyan College has been the recipient of many fine gifts from, and in honor of, the Soong sisters. From financial contributions to artifacts of historical significance to personal correspondence with former students and faculty, the three sisters from China remained connected with their alma mater.

To properly honor these outstanding alumnae, a special collection has been assimilated on the third floor of the Willet Memorial Library. Appropriately named the China Room, the collection includes items donated to Wesleyan by the Soong sisters, foundations, and other visitors and dignitaries.

Visitors can view letters from the sisters to former students and alumnae, original artwork by Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, hand-embroidered tapestries given to the school, plus original photographs. Many other related items are housed in the library archives and will be included in the China Room special collection once appropriate display cases are installed.

Guests from all over the world stop in Macon to visit the alma mater of the three legendary sisters and view Wesleyan's fantastic collection of memorabilia. A library guest registry shows visitors from Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, Germany, New Zealand, and Belgium who have all made their way to campus just to see these fascinating Chinese artifacts.

The China Room is open to the public, but tours are available by appointment only. The wonderful gifts bestowed to Wesleyan by our eastern friends are not limited to the China Room; other beautiful and exotic items can be found throughout campus buildings.



Sweet Smell of the Ginkgo

Celebrated international symbol of hope & peace

An unusually pungent aroma permeates front campus every fall. While some complain, many others know that *sweet smell of the ginkgo*.

Like an acquired taste and rich with poetic associations, some consider the aroma sweet. But actually, the ginkgo tree—going through its natural fall cycle—drops seeds that decompose on the ground and leave a curiously strong and disagreeable aroma.

The three large ginkgo trees at Wesleyan, two male and one female, were probably planted in the 1920s during the master landscaping of the Rivoli campus. Each fall, visitors stop to appreciate and photograph the spectacular display of golden leaves while groundskeepers hurriedly rake up the seeds before they decompose.

In the *Origin of Species*, Charles Darwin called the ginkgo tree a living fossil because these medium-sized deciduous trees date back 270 million years to a prehistoric era before dinosaurs roamed the earth. One living ginkgo tree in China's Shandong province is believed to be 3,000 years old. While very resistant to today's diseases and insects, the trees nearly became extinct until the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries when westerners began planting the trees in Europe and America.

Today, they can be found flourishing throughout the world.

The unusual spelling of ginkgo comes from a transcription error of German botanist, Engelbert Kaempfer. In 1668, Kaempfer used Chinese manuscripts to compile his botanical dictionary, *Amoenitates Exoticae*. He inadvertently transposed two Chinese symbols and forever changed the English spelling of the word from ginkyo to ginkgo.

The distinctive fan shaped leaves of the ginkgo tree reach their height of beauty each fall when the tree lives true to its nickname "tree of forty gold crowns." Weeks before other trees turn, the fan shaped leaves burst into a brilliant gold display. With little warning, they seem to fall from the tree at once, leaving a bright yellow blanket on the ground beneath. With no close relatives in the plant world, ginkgo trees are considered to be one of the natural wonders of the world.

The Chinese and Japanese translation of ginkgo or ginkyo is "silver apricot," which also refers to the fruit the female trees produce. The outer fleshy fruit and the interior nut or seed are considered delicacies in many cultures, especially in the Orient. They are consumed for healing and culinary benefits

including memory enhancement and circulation improvement. When the fruit drops to the ground and begins to decompose, butanoic acid is produced causing an unpleasant odor, which is often compared to rancid butter.

For centuries, the ginkgo tree has served as a symbol for peace, hope, and prosperity; its fall display continues to serve as a metaphor for cherished traditions across the world. Visual artist and widow of Beatle John Lennon, Yoko Ono, planted a ginkgo in Detroit as a Wish Tree with the message "whisper your wish to the bark of a tree." In today's culture, the ginkgo tree has become a symbol for world peace for the United Nations. It is ironic that one of the few plants to survive the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, was the ginkgo tree. This may be a testament not only to the tree's survival instinct but also to its universal association to hope and peace.

Through all of its cycles, the ginkgo tree holds a bold presence among the traditional dogwoods, boxwoods, and cherry trees of our historic campus, richly entrenched in international appeal. (It is, of course, the Golden Heart tree!)



THE BEST & THE BRIGHTEST

Wesleyan 2004 EMBA program graduate Keith Moffett was selected as one of *Georgia Trend* magazine's "Forty under Forty." The thirty-five-year-old Macon native serves as Regional Projects Manager with the Georgia Department of Economic Development. He provides informational resources and other assistance to small businesses in twenty Georgia counties. He also helps Georgia communities implement programs to ensure small businesses and entrepreneurs thrive. Last year, Moffett returned to the Wesleyan campus to deliver the commencement address for the 2006 EMBA graduating class. The former Navy electronics submarine technician has also served as communications manager for the Tubman African American Museum and television host for the locally broadcast show, *Law Call*.

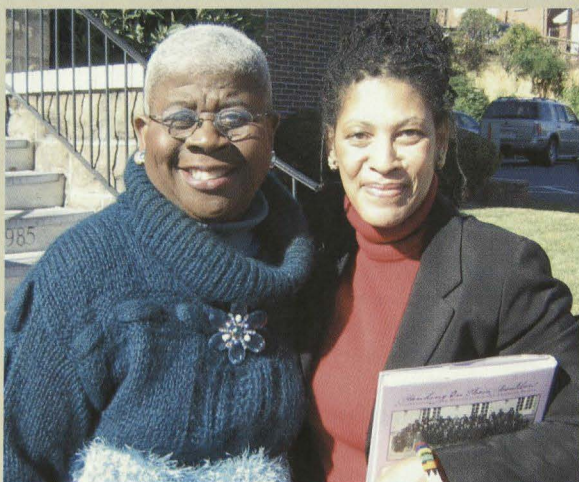
Catherine Meeks named Georgia Sociologist of the Year

Wesleyan College Professor of Socio-Cultural Studies Dr. Catherine Meeks has been named the 2006 Georgia Sociologist of the Year. The prestigious honor is given by the Georgia Sociologist Association, and was awarded at the association's annual meeting held November 3 & 4, 2006 in Macon at the Crown Plaza.

In addition to receiving the award, Dr. Meeks served as the keynote speaker for the plenary session on the first day of the annual meeting building upon this year's conference theme, "Sociology in our own Backyard".

Dr. Meeks is the Director of the Lane Center for Community Engagement and Service at Wesleyan College. She also serves as the Executive Director of Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table, a community resource center and outreach program located in Macon's Anthony Homes, a public housing development.

Throughout the last 30 years of her teaching life, she has encouraged young people and older adults to follow a path that leads to self-awareness and enlightenment. She teaches courses, presents workshops, and organizes larger initiatives that focus on prejudice, self-esteem, and various spiritual paths. She earned a Bachelor's in Speech Education from Pepperdine College, a



Master's in Jung, Afro-centrism and Oncology from Atlanta University, and a Ph.D. in Jungian Psychology, African American and African Women's Literature from Emory University.

She has been honored with several national awards including the NAACP Outstanding Community Service Award and the National Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists' W.E.B. Dubois Award for Outstanding Service to the African American Community. In 2000, on behalf of Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table and Wesleyan College, she accepted the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Award for Campus-Community Collaboration. Later

that year, she was awarded a "Straight From the Heart" Award presented by 13WMAZ. In addition to her recognition with the Aunt Maggie's project, Dr. Meeks is well-respected for her active leadership with the Juvenile Court Advisory Council, the Tubman African American Museum Board, Focal Pointe Women Community Advisory Board, National Association of Human Rights Workers, and the National Association of Women Deans and Counselors.

Last December, she was awarded the Robert F. Hatcher Distinguished Alumnus Award from Leadership Macon. In March of 2006, she was presented with a Lifetime Service Award from the City of Macon Mayor's Office in recognition for her work with women during the Women's History Month Celebration. Additionally, she is one of ten community leaders who have been selected to serve on 13WMAZ's Editorial Board which directs the content for the series called *Opinions From The Heart*.

*Pictured: Catherine Meeks signs her book, **Standing on their Shoulders**, for friend and fellow author Tina McElroy Ansa at the Georgia Literary Festival held in Macon.*

FERRARI RECEIVES QUILLIAN DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

Wesleyan College Associate Professor of Biology Dr. James Ferrari was awarded the 2006 Quillian Distinguished Teaching Award. Ferrari has served on the Wesleyan faculty for ten years. He earned a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota and a bachelor of arts degree from Middlebury College in Vermont. The Quillian Award honors former President William F. Quillian, Sr., who twice served as President of Wesleyan College, and recognizes a faculty member who demonstrates excellence in teaching and commitment to an outstanding learning community and is regarded by both faculty and students as a premier educator. Pictured are Dr. Ferrari and Dean of the College Delmas Crisp.



Macon Hosts Largest Georgia Literary Festival

The seventh annual Georgia Literary Festival, held in Macon during November, honored two historically significant Macon authors and featured appearances by more than fifty writers with close ties to middle Georgia.

The festival celebrated Georgia's rich and diverse literary heritage and marked the largest observance in the event's history. Thousands of visitors traveled from all over the state to enjoy activities for children, a parade with costumed characters, book signings, public readings, writing workshops, plus free tours of the Sidney Lanier Cottage and selected literary sites around Macon.

To host the event in Macon, Wesleyan College and several other local sponsors partnered with the Georgia Center for the Book with the Georgia Humanities Council. Students, faculty, and staff participated. One student even won an award.

The festival honored the life and work of two Macon natives: Sidney Lanier (1842-1881), a poet, novelist, composer and critic whose best-known poetry is "The Marshes of Glynn;" and John Oliver Killens (1916-1987),



a novelist and essayist who was the spiritual father to the Black Arts Movement of the 1960s and a life-long civil rights activist.

Wesleyan authors Rick Maier and Catherine Meeks were among more than fifty contemporary writers who made public appearances. Other popular authors included Tina McElroy Ansa, the prize-winning author of *Baby of the Family*, *Ugly Ways* and *The Hand I Fan With*; and Judson Mitcham, two time winner of the Townsend Prize and author of the novels *Sabbath Creek* and *The Sweet Everlasting*; David Bottoms, the Poet Laureate of Georgia; and Stephen Corey, poet and editor of *The Georgia Review*.

Wesleyan masters of education program student, Victoria Wright, was one of five winners of *The 11th Hour Fiction Contest* with her short story "Clean Plate Club." After earning a bachelor's degree in creative writing from Georgia College & State University, Victoria worked as an editor, wrote freelance articles, and enjoyed employment as an obituary writer. As a graduate of the Georgia TAPP program, she's finally landed her dream job teaching children the craft and the passion for the written word.

Pictured: Dr. Deidra Donmoyer, Wesleyan assistant professor of communication, and dog Murphy sell vintage books at the festival.

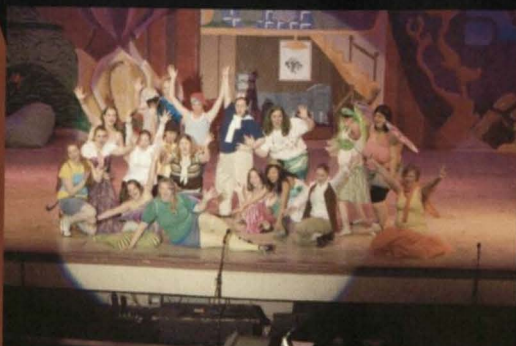
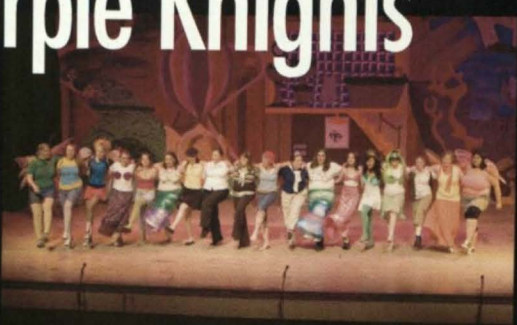
STUNT.07



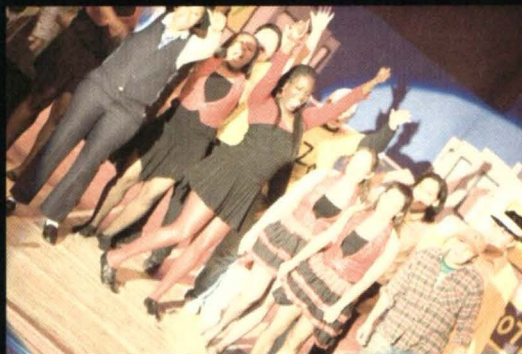
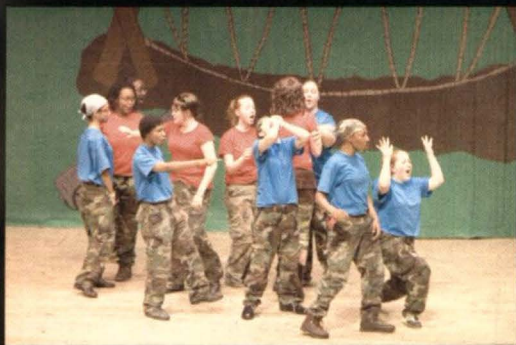
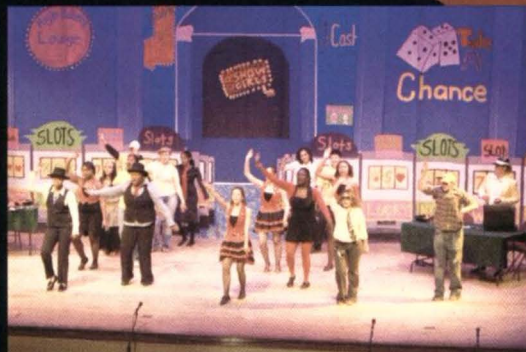
Pirates



Purple Knights



Congratulations to the Golden Heart Class of 2007: Spirit Cup and STUNT cup winners!



Green Knights



Golden Hearts



RACE FOR THE CURE

More than 2,000 visitors met on the Wesleyan campus to celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month at the Susan G. Komen Foundation's Race for the Cure. Professor Darlene Mettler inspired the greater community, as she has our Wesleyan community, through an exclusive interview about her personal battle with cancer. Airing on local 13WMAZ TV on the Friday evening before the race, the interview encouraged thousands to brave a cold morning run. Wesleyan's Pink Pioneers raised \$1,800 and claimed victories in four age brackets: Mamie Smith, 2nd place; Morgan Faircloth, 3rd place; Director of Student Affairs Laura Staub, 3rd place; and President Ruth Knox, 1st place.

Treasure Island Opens with a Bang!

A pirate with Tourette's syndrome and twenty-nine Wesleyan student-actors joined forces to offer a free action-packed performance for kids in Bibb County. The high energy children's performance gave a gender bender twist to the traditional high seas adventure, *Treasure Island*! The original adaptation by Wesleyan's own Michael McKinney opened the College's theatre season with a bang and honored the memory of Wesleyan legend George McKinney.

The show's director and the College's stage manager and technical director since 1989, Michael McKinney began his second playwriting endeavor with a comedic look at Robert Louis Stevenson's 1883 novel, *Treasure Island*. As the son of the late "Sir" George McKinney, Michael penned this avant-garde performance in tribute to his father who chaired the Wesleyan Theatre Department for twenty-five years.

"In a children's production, you typically have interesting visuals with a detailed set and cool special effects," said McKinney. "With *Treasure Island*, there are plenty of sword fights and scenery changes. We even thought about using pyrotechnics."

When developing the slapstick adaptation, McKinney kept going back to two favorite tales – *The Three Musketeers* and *Treasure Island*. He knew that *The Three Musketeers* would take an enormous cast but *Treasure Island* would just need a rewrite to speed up the detailed plot line.

He decided to combine a rarely indulged hobby – writing – and his appreciation for slapstick comedy in the tradition of Monty Python and *Airplane!* To stay in keeping with the

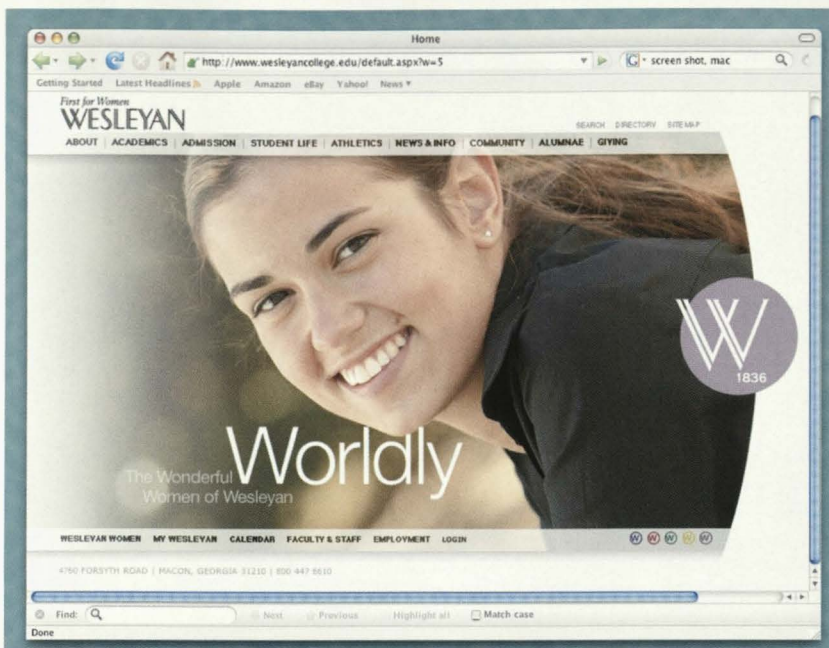
children's production, the ninety-minute play was written suitable for a PG audience and involved twenty-nine students from all classes and acting experience levels.

The original story was rewritten to incorporate the main plot lines and voice over narration, but the character roles were shifted to move the story along at a quicker pace.

Requiring guns and swords for the choreographed fight scenes, this fast-paced, high seas adventure presented the perfect opportunity to use an array of weapons from the personal collection of the McKinney family. When extra revolvers and swords were brought in from a prop company in California and financed by memorials made to the theatre department in Sir George's name, the innovative production evolved into a Wesleyan community tribute to "Sir."

It was also a chance for Michael to use some of the special effects techniques learned from his father. In one of the battle scenes, a knife appears in a character's back. Michael credits his father with teaching him many bizarre special effects skills that he often uses in his technical direction. Also like his father, Michael enjoys writing as well as directing, and he's already preparing his next screenplay. No specific details were revealed, but we expect something spine-chilling in the horror genre.





The newly designed www.wesleyancollege.edu targets prospective students.

Wesleyan WOW!s Macon

Exemplifying servant leadership through mass-volunteer service event

Wesleyan College organized more than 250 volunteers through two recent WOW! A Day for Macon community-wide service events and completed multiple projects simultaneously at seventeen separate work sites throughout the city of Macon. Students, faculty, staff, and community volunteers joined together for the mass efforts coordinated through Wesleyan's Lane Center for Community Engagement and Service on Saturday, September 9, 2006 and again on Saturday, January 27, 2007.

"With much preplanning, we are able to tackle a few major projects for several organizations in one Saturday—things that our partner agencies really don't have the staff or time to get done," said Lane Center Director Catherine Meeks. "Basically, we all head out willing to do whatever we have to do: cleaning, scrubbing, yard work, painting, and other chores—whatever it takes."

WOW! A Day for Macon is an integral part of Wesleyan's goal to promote service-based learning among its students while building upon Wesleyan's

mission to be "first for women's education—striving for excellence, grounded in faith and engaged in service to the world." Twice each year, the Lane Center coordinates the mass-volunteer service effort.

Service can't be limited to the efforts of a single day, but the accomplishments of WOW! projects provide an enriching introduction to the power of engagement, inspiring many students to make longer-term commitments. Although service is not a requirement at Wesleyan, two-thirds of the students remain actively engaged in the community through Lane Center initiatives at dozens of local agencies throughout their college careers.

Local community sites benefiting from the events included Booker T. Washington Center, Magnolia Manor, Georgia Industrial Children's Home, Wesley Glen, Safe House, Loaves and Fishes, Macon Outreach, Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table, Habitat for Humanity, Hephzibah Children's Home, and the Methodist Home for Children and Youth.

Goodbye to Carson, Crisp, & Curry

Three tenured faculty members will say farewell to Wesleyan College at the end of this academic year. Together, they have a combined sixty-seven years of service to this institution and have taught, mentored, and guided thousands of women during their careers.

Juanita Carson, Ed.D., Associate Professor of Education and Director of Graduate Programs in Education, came to Wesleyan in 1998. She has served diligently in the education department over the last nine years. A lover of science, her research interests include rocks and minerals in the Atlantic provinces of Canada and issues of coastal development on the southeastern U.S. coast. She is retiring to her home in Edisto Beach, SC, and will continue to run her summer campground in Nova Scotia.



Delmas S. Crisp, Jr., Ph.D., arrived at Wesleyan in 1988. He became Dean of the College in 2001, and he has also served as the Fuller E. Callaway Professor of English and the Division Chair of Humanities. Throughout his nearly twenty years at the College, he has taught various classes in the English department with his areas of specialty being Chaucer, Shakespeare, and British Medieval and Renaissance literature. He leaves Wesleyan to assume the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs at Methodist College in Fayetteville, NC.

William Curry, Ed.D., Professor of Psychology and Eleanor McDonald Storza Professor of Social Sciences, has been a faculty member since 1970. His dynamic teaching style and charisma have endeared him to generations of students. Both students and faculty appreciate Dr. Curry for his hospitality and love of entertaining—including his all night pig roasts on the quad and holiday parties at his home. He is known for his deep and lasting friendships with other faculty, including the late George McKinney.



OCMULGEE ALIVE! RIVER CLEAN-UP PROJECT

In October 2006, the Wesleyan College Environmental Concerns Committee co-sponsored the 2006 Ocmulgee Alive! clean-up event organized by NewTown Macon, Keep Macon/Bibb Beautiful, and Macon Water Authority. The successful community initiative organized 93 volunteers who cleaned up over 2,500 pounds of trash along 1.5 miles of the Ocmulgee River in Macon. Other co-sponsors included the City of Macon Public Works, Shirley Hills Neighborhood Association, National Park Service—Ocmulgee National Monument, Mount De Sales Academy, and the Museum of Arts and Sciences. Planning has already begun for Ocmulgee Alive! 2007 scheduled for October 20, 2007 with a volunteer goal of 150 people.

Hatch Selected for Kellogg Collegiate Women of Color Leadership Institute

Wesleyan Senior Tiffany Hatch has been selected as one of fifty-one women nationally for the Kellogg Collegiate Women of Color Leadership Institute. She was selected based on her academic record, leadership achievements, letters of recommendation, and essay submission.

A native of Henry County, Georgia and the daughter of Myra and Randall Richardson of Stockbridge, Tiffany graduated from North Atlanta High School. Currently, she is majoring in communications and scheduled to graduate from Wesleyan this May. Tiffany credits Wesleyan's Vice President of Enrollment Patricia Gibbs for encouraging her to apply for the award.

"Many young women at Wesleyan demonstrate leadership potential; however, Tiffany has always stood out as a thoughtful, intuitive and compassionate leader. When this opportunity presented itself, I immediately thought of Tiffany because she deserved the chance to test and enhance her leadership skills in a new environment," said Gibbs. "This opportunity also provides her with tools she would bring back to Wesleyan and share with others. Tiffany exemplifies the vision of the College through her leadership—she strives for excellence, is grounded in faith, and engaged in service to the world."

For four days in August 2006, Tiffany attended a leadership enrichment conference in Baltimore, Maryland. The goal of the Leadership Institute is to ensure college-age women of color develop strong leadership skills. Each award recipient is paired with a

mentor, typically a professional woman accomplished in the recipient's chosen field. During the conference, Tiffany benefited from the presentations of several women leaders, including the institute's founder Dr. Algeania Freeman. A tour of the Central Intelligence Agency and a panel discussion with women who have achieved leadership roles within the CIA was a conference highlight.

"Dr. Freeman cried when she made her opening remarks to us," said Tiffany. "This conference has been a dream of hers for many years, even though some people told her it would never work. One of the most important things I learned from her is to take risks and have a vision."

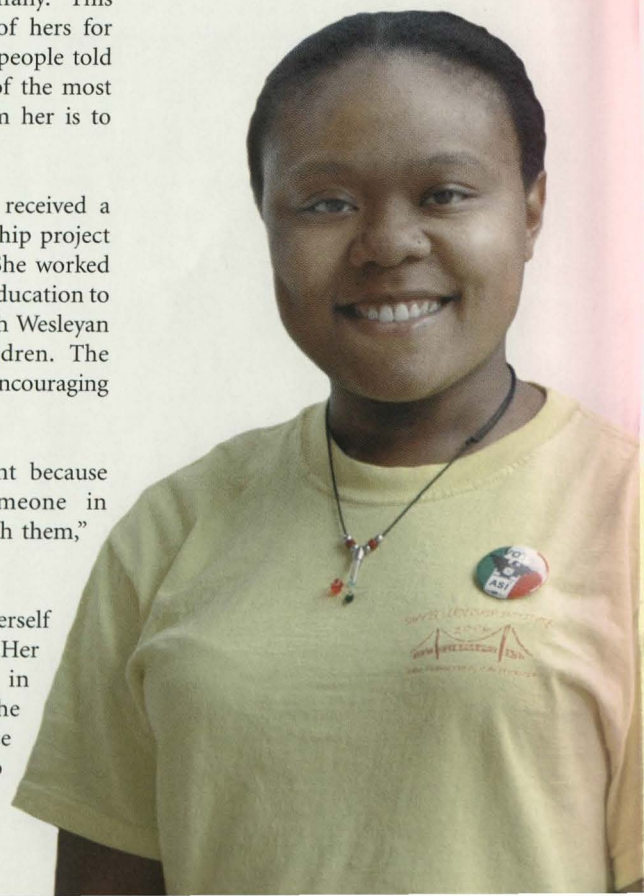
Through the program, Tiffany received a \$2,500 stipend to fund a leadership project within their own community. She worked with the Bibb County Board of Education to set up a mentoring program with Wesleyan students and school-aged children. The mentors assisted by tutoring and encouraging these children.

"I think mentoring is important because children sometimes need someone in addition to a parent to work with them," she said.

Tiffany was assigned a mentor herself through the Leadership Institute. Her mentor, Dana Rose, lives in Baltimore and works with the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies. They continue to

communicate monthly and Tiffany even spent a few days shadowing Rose at her workplace during the Wesleyan winter break.

"From this experience, I have gained so many important contacts from all over," said Tiffany. "I haven't decided if I want to work right away or apply to a graduate school program, but I know I have choices and contacts to pursue either one."



Inspired by life[★]

Wesleyan studio art major enjoys publishing success

Arrin Freeman '01 draws inspiration from children. She learns from them and then gives back daily. As the Art Director at the Georgia Children's Museum, she offers art instruction, directs an arts enrichment program, plans integrative field trips, assists creatively with the performing arts program, and visually stimulates visitors through her vibrant murals painted throughout the museum. And "on the side," she claims to have accomplished another major goal.

"I've always wanted to surround myself with children and the arts, but publishing a children's book was a major goal I set for myself right out of college," said Arrin.

As the author and illustrator of her first published children's book, she returned to her alma mater this spring for a lunch and learn lecture with advice and encouragement for other students with similar goals.

Written in 2001, Arrin credits the success of her six-year labor of love to her childhood and the children who have inspired her along the way. Growing up with a twin sister, Arrin felt well prepared to address the topic of individuality. She tested her manuscript and sample images on a critical audience of elementary school students and got a positive response. Crediting the children she teaches with the book's bold vivid color palette, she said, "I draw so much inspiration every day from the children I teach; and I especially notice the color selection toward which children naturally gravitate."

Of the many trade secrets she offered to students of Wesleyan's art department during the lunch and learn lecture, she advised: "Know your audience when embarking upon a creative project like publishing and draw inspiration from real life experiences."



at so many children's books for inspiration and publisher information; and, after much research, I submitted my manuscript with just one illustration to the locally owned Indigo Custom Publishing."

Immediately interested, Indigo requested additional sample

Creter's, Target, and The Georgia Children's Museum. She's excited about future book signings and the possibility of receiving royalties from book sales. Arrin places the real value of this project on accomplishing her goal of writing, illustrating, and publishing a book for children.

"There are moments and images in my life that I treasure. These are visual moments, almost like a snapshot left in my mind. When I think back to my childhood, I can see actual still-photos in my mind of me playing, skating, and swimming with my twin sister Farrah. These memories are not like moving pictures of my life, but like photographs captured in my mind. It's funny that these images are the subject matter of my drawings for my first children's book."

Although she admits the project took a little longer than she expected, this year she proudly presented *Look-A-Likes Don't Act A-Like*. The charming children's book tells what it's like to be a twin – to try to be an individual, with your own set of likes and dislikes – while everyone around you expects you to be exactly the same!

The green light from her students encouraged Arrin to find a publisher to take on the project. "I met another artist who had written and illustrated a book, but when I learned that he had submitted his project twenty-seven times before finding a publisher, I was worried," she said. "I had no idea how to prepare a manuscript, a book dummy, or a presentation packet to represent my project. I looked

illustrations. A recent graduate with limited resources and no studio space, Arrin used pens and markers to illustrate the forty-page picture book. After a busy month of illustrating and finalizing her project, an entire year passed before she received news of the book's publication.

The book is now available regionally at Barnes & Noble, Books a Million, Chi Chester's,

"Many first-time authors self-publish books, and I want to encourage other artists and writers to consider that option," she said. "Luckily, with my first experience, I found a publisher who picked up the project. Having a great publisher who markets the book and provides professional expertise really ensures success."



Bailey selected for national exhibition

Wesleyan Professor and Fine Arts Division Chairman Libby Bailey was selected to exhibit her painting entitled "The Synod of the Bishops" as part of a national exhibition at the Parthenon in Nashville, Tennessee.

The exhibit featured works from members of two professional art organizations: the Southeastern College Art Conference (SECAC), a non-profit organization that promotes the visual arts in higher education; and the Mid-America College Art Association (MACAA), a professional society of college and university artist-teachers.

Founded in 1941, SECAC facilitates cooperation and dialogue about creative, scholarly, and educational issues among teachers and administrators in educational institutions and museums. MACAA, founded in the late 1930s, originally drew its membership from academic administrators and art historians. Over the years, it has evolved into an organization primarily geared to the practical and philosophical interests of studio faculty.

This exhibit coincided with a conference held jointly by the two groups at Vanderbilt University. Over two hundred members of the associations entered their work to be considered for the exhibition. Juror Eleanor Heartney, an independent art critic and scholar, selected only forty-four works by thirty-three artists. The resulting exhibition, which includes everything from paintings to video art to photography to sculpture, represents a cross-section of the different media, ideas, and messages artists in the United States are currently exploring.



Professor exhibits abstract landscapes

Art appreciators gathered in Wesleyan's Cowles Myles Collier East Gallery this fall to view an exhibition of work completed by Professor Frances de La Rosa during her sabbatical last year.

De La Rosa's childhood memories of the vibrant foliage of the Southern landscape are captured in her large scale oil on canvas works. "Increasingly, as an adult," she said, "I am aware how the art that I make is fertilized by my intrinsic sense of the textures, colors, smells, sounds, and even tastes of the place in which I grew. It is a truly simple thing that I do. I make art about what I know best, what I feel most strongly and what I yearn for most powerfully."

According to de La Rosa, her art has been more about the pulsating, evolving, living and then dying nature. "I am considering landscape as a still life, and even more specifically as *vanitas*. My intellectual process is to colonize the land by taking from it those parts of it that I need— leaves, blades of grass, sticks, etc. and reconfiguring them (as in a still life) to communicate the emotional energy I bring to the creative process," she said.

De La Rosa is the Comer Professor of Painting at Wesleyan College. She has been the recipient of numerous awards and grants including the Southern Arts Federation Fellowship and individual artists' grants from the Georgia Council for the Arts and the Fulton County Arts Council.



EUNICE ANN CHRISTINE MUNCK
August 7, 1917 - March 8, 2007

She was a gift to us, indeed.

Wesleyan mourns the loss of a beloved student, alumna, professor, and friend. Reprinted here are excerpts from the remarks written and delivered by Karen Connor Shockley '63 at the memorial service held in Macon, Georgia on Sunday, March 11, 2007...

What a lovely name for a beautiful and charming lady-but a name I seldom use. To me, she will always be "Miss Munck." Somehow, even after more than forty years of friendship, it seems almost irreverent for me to call her anything else! But I'll try...

If you were a student at Wesleyan in the late 1930s, you may remember Ann Munck as a young woman who was always on the Dean's List and who majored in history, not English. You may also remember that she served as president of the YWCA and was largely responsible for the Y's construction of Anderson Cabin during that time. And I know you are not surprised that she was named Miss Charming in her senior year.

If you were a Wesleyan student during the 1950s, 60s or 80s, you know how very difficult it is to separate the legendary Ann Munck from the real Ann Munck. Only those of you who were in her Wednesday class-the one that met right after chapel services-know if she really gave pop quizzes on the chapel speaker's message. Only those of you who had the misfortune to fail her course know how profusely you thanked her for that F, grateful that she was so genuinely concerned for you and so kind in lowering the boom-and eternally grateful that your grade wasn't-couldn't get-any lower!

What we know for sure about Ann Munck is that she referred to those students in her Freshman English and Sophomore Literature

classes in rather formal terms-Miss Brown, Miss Jones, Miss Smith. You know, it made us feel we were respected and somewhat grown up. But it was also a rather subtle but unsettling reminder that, as college students, we were now to behave and perform on a more adult level. We worked harder to meet her expectations than those of almost any other professor on campus. As students, we had the utmost respect for those who made As in her classes. In fact, in the Class of '63, if you had made an A in "Miss Munck," you were a shoo-in for election to the Golden Heart Stunt Committee!

Once we were junior or senior English majors, the number in our classes dwindled considerably, and we were delighted-initially-to learn that Miss Munck actually knew and called us by our first names. But that's also the time we dreaded having our names called. In such a small group, we were called on way too often to answer question after question that taxed our brains and gave away the truth about how well prepared we were.

And it was a rare, reckless student who dared cut her class! Miss Munck's classes were probably the most well-attended of any on campus. We could have been sick or have needed to finish a paper that was our entire grade for some other class; still we didn't want to miss anything Miss Munck might have to teach us; and besides, she expected us to be there.

She gave us so much to remember! Her presence at our soccer games, her guidance to Social Standards, her copious "marginal gloss" on our papers, her distinctive handwriting, her deep spirituality. She was a truly gifted listener, whose counsel was coveted by colleague and student alike. She had an incredible memory for names and an uncanny recall of events related to those names.

Ann Munck was a teacher's teacher. She expected excellence, and her students gave her the best they had. She taught them to think critically and to take responsibility for their actions. How appropriate, then, that in 1988, a group of former students established in her honor the Ann Munck Award for Excellence in Teaching. This award is now given annually to a Wesleyan faculty member who exemplifies those same qualities of excellence in the teaching profession.

At Wesleyan, one of the most impressive traditions is Candlelighting, in which graduating seniors have bestowed on them the privileges and responsibilities of alumnae of the college. As the light is passed from the President of the Alumnae Association to alumnae to seniors, an almost mystical bond of sisterhood is forged, the college ideals of knowledge and piety laid on the shoulders of yet another generation of young women. I cannot tell you how awe-inspiring it was to be one of many through the years whose candlelighter was Ann Munck, the very essence of all that was good and right and noble in Wesleyan College.

And so today, it is our turn to light a candle for Miss Munck,

- The daughter, sister, aunt who loved unconditionally,
- The friend who always put the needs of others ahead of her own,
- The teacher who could unlock potential we didn't even know we had,
- The Christian who, by example, taught us how to live.

Thanks be to God for the treasure He gave us in the person of Eunice Ann Christine Munck!

Alumnae

Connections

Fall and winter alumnae events focused on college news updates, student recruitment, socials, and alumnae club development with opportunities for service, leadership, and networking. Building a foundation of support for Wesleyan with other alumnae strengthens our own ties to the college and helps to ensure the Wesleyan experience for future students. For more information about an alumnae club/group in your area, or forming a new group, contact the alumnae office at csnow@wesleyancollege.edu or visit www.wesleyancollege.edu. Get involved and stay connected!

Georgia

Atlanta

In August, the Atlanta Club Young Alumnae honored new students and parents with a reception held at the home of **Debbie Stevenson Moses '89**, past president of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association. The Capital City Country Club served as the venue for the club's *Fall Luncheon*, where **Tena Roberts '60**, retired librarian and archivist, spoke to the group on "Tales of Wesleyan You've Never Heard Before." In December, members attended a *Holiday Brunch* hosted by **Margaret Duckworth Sewell '49** in her home.

Golden Isles (St. Simons Island/Brunswick)

Georgia coastal area alumnae attended a *Holiday Wine and Cheese* on St. Simons Island in December. Honorary hostesses **Mary Tappan Garrison '46** and **French Dekle Kelsey '44** enjoyed being ladies of leisure when their daughters, Anna Garrison Hood and Kristen Kelsey Ferrie, offered to serve as "behind-the-scene" hostesses, coordinating plans for this year's event. Good friend Jean McDowell opened her home for the special holiday treat. Wesleyan guests included **Debbie Jones Smith '76**, vice president for advancement, and **Beth Kargel '91**, major gifts officer, who shared news from the college with alumnae.

Macon

Macon Club Young Alumnae Co-Leaders **Heather Poindexter '05** and **Lindsay Abernethy '00** coordinated activities for the year that included a *Tailgating Party* at the Mathews Athletic Center soccer field for alumnae and students, as well as a post-game reception for the Pioneer soccer team. In December, young alumnae hosted *An Evening at the Nutcracker* for students who wanted to attend the ballet at The Grand Opera House. **Flo Bloodworth Mellard-Greenway '61** hosted the club's traditional *Holiday Coffee* in her home. Macon area alumnae (Classes 1930-1955) attended a Valentine's Day Tea in Burden Parlor in February. Guests enjoyed performances by student pianist **Lauren Holliday '07** and by The Wesleyannes, under the direction of **Nadine Cheek Whitney '79**, chair of the Wesleyan music department.

North East Region

New York

Alumnae from several northeastern states met with **President Ruth A. Knox** for a luncheon hosted by **Barbara Bird McLendon '60** in her home. Other Wesleyan guests included Cathy Snow and Debbie Smith.

North Carolina

Asheville

In September, Asheville area alumnae met for a luncheon at Grovewood Café, where Wesleyan guests **Cathy Coxey Snow '71**, alumnae director, and Debbie Smith updated alumnae on news from the college. Wesleyan College Alumnae Association President-Elect **Susan Woodward Walker '70** and Alumna Trustee **Virginia Barber Perkins '63** were also on hand to greet guests. Alumna hostess **Ann Hawkins Brosnan '52** planned for a great Wesleyan get-together.

Charlotte-Metrolina

Alumnae met for a November *Carolina Luncheon in the City* at Myers Park Country Club in Charlotte. Alumnae hostesses **Evelyn LeRoy Fortson '52** and Trustee **Diane A. Lumpkin '63**, coordinated plans for the event with **Ann Hutchings Surber '63** and **Page Walker Jones '78** also serving as hostesses. Wesleyan Trustee Gene Hoots was on hand to greet alumnae and Wesleyan speakers Cathy Snow and Beth Kargel, who shared news from the college with guests.

Raleigh/Durham

In November, alumnae in Raleigh were invited to a wine tasting reception at The Grape Wine in Cameron Village. Meredith College hosted the "sisterhood" event that included alumnae from 15 other women's colleges. Cathy Snow, Beth Kargel, and **Jody Bethea Riggs '88**, president of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association, were on hand to welcome guests. **Karen D. Garr '69** and **Pam Henry Pate '71** coordinated plans for the Wesleyan contingent, whose late-night "memory-fest" lasted until the restaurant closed.

Winston-Salem

Winston-Salem area alumnae were invited to "Cheer On" the Wesleyan Pioneer soccer team when they played Salem College in October. In November, alumnae were invited to a *Luncheon in the City* at Forsyth Country Club hosted by **Beth Holliman Boswell '77**. Wesleyan guests Cathy Snow and Beth Kargel attended the event and updated alumnae on news from the college. **Rebecca McLeod McAtee '70** also served as an area contact.

Club Facebook

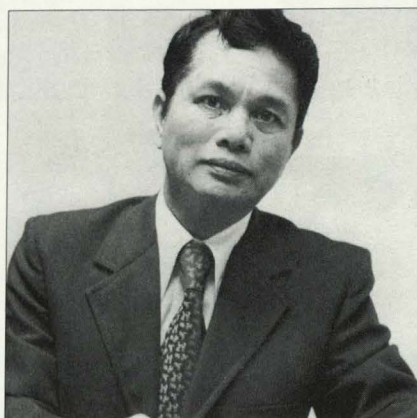
1. Tree-Time Greetings: Golden Isles alumnae get a head start on the holidays at the club's annual meeting.
2. Hostesses x 5: Golden Isles hostesses meet with Wesleyan guests Debbie Smith and Beth Kargel. French Dekle Kelsey '44 and Mary Tappan Garrison '46 (*front center, left to right*) with their daughters in St. Simons.
3. Holiday Hostess: Flo Bloodworth Mellard-Greenway '61 (*left*) welcomes guests Barbara Beddingfield Magnan '81 and Cathy Coxe Snow '71 to her home for the Macon Club's annual Holiday Coffee.
4. A Season for Smiles: Macon alumnae enjoy the Holiday Coffee at Flo Greenway's home.
5. Four Friends and a Holiday: (*From left*) Class of 2006 members Jaime McQuilkin, Lauren Hamblin, Amy Fletcher, and Ashley Stavran "catch-up" at the Macon Club coffee.
6. Pizza with the Pioneers: Macon Young Alumnae host a post-game reception for the Pioneer soccer team.
7. A Grand Affair: Macon alumnae and students enjoy ballet at the Grand Opera House.
8. "Grand" Hostesses: Catherine O'Kelley Fore '02, Abbie Brannon '03, Lisa Shivelor '87, Lindsay Abernethy '00, Heather Poindexter '05, and Brandy Hayes '98 at the Macon Nutcracker.
9. Queens of Hearts: The Wesleyannes perform for Macon alumnae on Valentine's Day.
10. Grovewood Girls: Asheville, North Carolina, alumnae enjoy lunch and pose for the camera at Grovewood Cafe.
11. Bearing Gifts: Asheville hostess Ann Hawkins Brosnan '52 (*front far right*) shares flowers of the season with area alumnae.
12. Hosting in Charlotte: (*from left*) Cathy Snow, Trustee Diane A. Lumpkin '63, Ann Hutchings Surber '63, Evelyn LeRoy Fortson '52, Beth Kargel '91, and Page Walker Jones '78 at Myers Park Country Club in Charlotte.
13. Wesleyan Trustee Gene Hoots greets Martha Anne Neville Reynolds '57 and Ann Suber '63 in Charlotte.
14. Sharing Sisterhood: Alumnae hostesses Karen Garr '69 and Pam Henry Pate '71 (*front center, left to right*) greet area alumnae and Wesleyan guests in Raleigh, North Carolina.



In Memoriam

1923	Nona Ousley Campbell
1927	Mary Weaver Arnold Lillian Kimbrough Floyd
1928	Aileen West Willingham
1932	Lois McDonald Jorgensen
1933	Carolyn Watson Dunkle
1934	Evelyn Tabor Buck Anita Beall Tudor
1936	Rose Pendergrass Hillyer
1937	Barbara C. Jones
1938	Mattie Pearson Bates Eunice Ann Munck Katherine Rountree Quillian Annette Gardner Taylor
1939	Sara Earle Campbell
1940	Addie Rie McKellar Baird Sarah Earle Campbell
1943	Margaret Sullivan Arnett Elizabeth Drinnon Lewis
1944	Mary Jane Snively Andrews Helen Farmer Popejoy (BFA 1945)
1948	Helen Vaughn Burrell Louise Stanley Douglas Gloria Smith Hanes
1949	Louise Fowler Gartrell
1950	Marie Stalnaker Beacham
1951	Laura Pirkle Aiken
1953	Ollie Ann King Gowen
1954	Ritchey Yost Lea
1955	Atha Patterson Childs Jane Cantrell England Joan Ordway Forbes
1956	Peggy Ann Fernald Gardner
1957	Barbara Wiggins Prescott Susan Perry Redding
1960	Leah Tamplin Leigh
1962	Patricia Stewart Burgess
1973	Mary Jo Asbell Yarbrough
1980	Jewell Hall Ray Penland
2000	Tia Mari Grey Simmons

Faculty Deaths



JACOB S. QUIAMBAO

Former professor and chair of the religion and philosophy department at Wesleyan College, Dr. Jacob Quiambao, died at age 89 on October 27, 2006. Born in Pampanga, Philippines, he was a law graduate of The University of the Philippines. Dr. Quiambao earned a master's degree at Garrett Seminary and a theology doctorate at Boston University. In 1971, he and his wife immigrated to the U.S.

From 1974-1991, Dr. Quiambao taught at Wesleyan, serving first as Manget Professor of World Religions and Missions, and later as professor emeritus of philosophy, religion and missions. He sponsored several Golden Heart classes, and students dedicated the *Veterropt* to him numerous times. Students remember Dr. Quiambao for his contagious enthusiasm for work, faith and family.



LEAH A. STRONG

Leah A. Strong, Wesleyan professor and chair of the American Studies department, died on August 27, 2006, in Sarasota, Florida. Born in Buffalo, New York, she lived in Macon for many years before moving in 1987.

Dr. Strong received her B. A. from Allegheny College, her M.A. from Cornell University, and her Ph.D. from Syracuse University. She retired from Wesleyan in 1991 after 30 years of service. While at Wesleyan, Dr. Strong served as a faculty sponsor for Pi Gamma Mu and Pi Delta Epsilon fraternities and was active in Phi Kappa Phi. She is remembered for her vivid images, the stories she told and the ones she lived, and the way she drew stories from others.

(Faculty deaths continued on Page 52)

Sympathy

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends sympathy to:

Suelle McKellar Swartz '33 of Dacula, Ga., on the death of her sister, **Addie Rie McKellar Baird '39** of Atlanta, on October 2, 2006.

Paige Adams Jones '43 of College Park, Ga., on the death of her husband, Dana L. Jones, on January 11, 2007.

Carrie Brooks Miller Maertens '47 of Clemson, S.C., on the death of her husband, Colonel Tom Maertens, on November 13, 2006.

Martha Bradford Swann '47 of Spartanburg, S.C., on the death of her husband, Albert J. "Duck" Swann, Jr., on January 28, 2007.

Doris Poe Anderson '48 of Macon, on the death of her husband, Julian Anderson, on September 12, 2006.

Betty Tillman Hodges '48 of Statesboro, Ga., on the death of her husband, Fred Hodges, on October 21, 2006.

Francina Brock Kern '49 of Clearwater, Fla., on the death of her husband, Arthur C. Kern, on November 26, 2006.

Jean Jolly Manly '49 of Dalton, Ga., on the death of her husband, Frank Wright Manly, on October 18, 2006.

Wilhelmenia Taylor Nesbit '49 of Carnesville, Ga., on the death of her husband, Kirk Nesbit, on February 15, 2007.

Martha Barrett Woodard '49 of Charlotte, N.C., on the death of her husband, William "Bill" Walter Woodard, Sr., on December 29, 2006.

Peggy Thoroughman Callahan '52 of Carrollton, Ga., on the death of her husband, The Rev. James A. "Jim" Callahan, on November 1, 2006.

Nancy McClellan Flowers '57 from Hinesville, Ga., on the death of her husband, J. Sidney Flowers, in August 2006.

Jane Johnson Butler '65 of Forsyth, Ga., on the death of her mother, Dixie Lee Johnson, on December 13, 2006.

Barbara Clinton '66 of Daytona Beach Shores, Fla., on the death of her mother, Gladys M. Clinton, in April 2006.

Marriages

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

Mary Stephens '80 of Oxford, Ga., who married John Malone of Redlands, Calif., in October 2006.

Karin Fulford Jones '92 of Atlanta, who married Joel "Joe" West Smithson on August 12, 2006.

Mary Mitchell '97 of Milledgeville, Ga., who married Joseph McKinnon on October 7, 2006.

Hyun Mi Choi '01 of Washington, D.C., who married Eli Corina in 2006.

Dianna Lusk '04 of Madison, Ind., who married Joshua Culbertson on September 30, 2006.

Brandy Heineman '03 of Alpharetta, Ga., who married Michael Steffensen on December 2, 2006.

Shelley Molleur '03 of Los Alamos, N.M., who married Scott Mosher of Marietta, Ga., on September 3, 2005.

Courtenay Elizabeth Staples '04 of Forsyth, Ga., who married Phillip Stubbs Bunn, also of Forsyth, in Waldo, Fla., on November 12, 2005.

Births and Family Additions

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

Michele Arduengo '88 and Phil Calvagna of Milton, Wis., on the birth of a daughter, Elena Michele Calvagna, on November 21, 2006, in Madison, Wis.

Holly Nichols Jarrell '90 and Chuck of Madison, Ga., welcomed a baby girl, Olivia Rose Jarrell, into the family on January 10, 2007.

Lori Reese Patton '90 and Macon of Charlotte, N.C., on the birth of a son, Macon James "Mac" Patton, on August 22, 2006.

Candy Dickerson Cannon '92 and Tom of Duluth, Ga., on the birth of a son, Adam Joseph Cannon, on October 11, 2006.

Mollie Bell Smith '92 and Tad of Pittsboro, Ind., on the birth of a son, Preston Durham, on October 17, 2006.

Julie Pace Stubbs '94 and Richard of Statesboro, Ga., on the birth of a son, Ezra Allen, on October 5, 2006. Big brothers Isaiah and Abram are very proud of the new family edition.

Kea Hoover Mitchell '95 and Tee of Macon, on the birth of their third child, Anna Claire, on July 21, 2006. Big siblings Tee and Lillian are having a great time with their new little sister.

Sarah Bradshaw Young '95 and Cpt. Bill Young (United States Army) of Hope Mills, N.C., on the birth of their third child, Stephen, on September 7, 2006.

Elizabeth Hodges McKeever '96 and Stewart of Charleston, S.C., on the birth of a son, Charles Grayson McKeever, on September 10, 2006.

Carmen Kypriandes Garcia '98 of Lakewood, Calif., on the birth of a third son, Elijah Paul Garcia, on October 13, 2006.

Jennifer Shermer Pack '98 and Denny of Japan on the birth of a son, Dylan Charles Pack, on October 26, 2006.

Susan Wilson Toler '98 and Kris of Columbia, S.C., on the birth of a son, Kieran Kristofer Toler, on October 2, 2005.

Suelle Marie Swartz '67 of Dacula, Ga., on the death of her aunt, **Addie Rie McKellar Baird '39** of Atlanta, on October 2, 2006.

Vickie Page Jaus '68 of Charlotte, N. C., on the death of her father in June 2006.

Susan Arnold '73 of Hawkinsville, Ga., on the death of her father, Dr. Maurice Arnold, Jr., of Hawkinsville, Ga., on October 16, 2006.

Allyn Burrell Stevens '74 of Springfield, Mo., on the death of her mother, **Helen Vaughn Burrell '48** of St. Louis, Mo., on September 13, 2006.

Florence Arnold Martin '77 of Norcross, Ga., on the death of her father, Dr. Maurice Arnold, Jr., of Hawkinsville, Ga., on October 16, 2006.

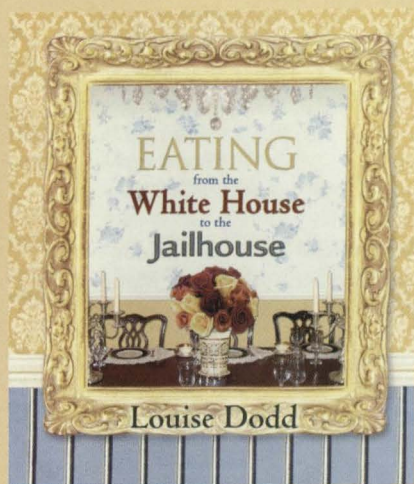
Janette England Zimmerman '77 of Alpharetta, Ga., on the death of her mother, **Jane Cantrell England '55** of Roswell, Ga., on January 20, 2007.

JoAlice Patterson Welton '80 of Lawrenceville, Ga., on the death of her mother, Alice Pauline Justice Patterson, on August 28, 2006.

Alisa Fussell Popejoy '82 of Atlanta, on the death of her mother-in-law, **Helen Farmer Popejoy '44 / '45** of Macon, on January 7, 2007.

Mary Ann Aiken Fitzgerald '83 of Bogart, Ga., on the death of both her parents, William P. and Alice Aiken, in 2006. They were the grandparents of **Melinda June Fitzgerald '07**.

Jennifer Cameron Haygood '99 of Macon, on the death of both her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cameron, in 2005.



WHAT'S COOKIN'? As the introduction to her book states, Louise Futrelle Dodd's idols are chefs. Her love of cooking and food has given her a career that spans nearly fifty years. After graduating from Wesleyan in 1949, she built her career as a food columnist and critic at the *Dublin Herald* and then for *Macon Magazine*. Since that time, she has traveled the globe in pursuit of a good meal or good recipe. Her latest endeavor, *Eating from the White House to the Jailhouse*, is an eclectic mix of the recipes she has collected along the way. Louise shares morsels of her favorite Wesleyan memories in her book and at speaking engagements. In March, she served up delightful stories and delicious recipes for the Atlanta Alumnae Club. In April, Louise signed her book during Alumnae Weekend.

1920s

Congratulations to **Irene Sewell Hobby '22** of Atlanta, who celebrated her 104th birthday on September 14!

Congratulations to **Annie Mays Larmore '28** of Atlanta, who celebrated her 100th birthday on February 28, 2007. She says she is "going happily along." Annie also added twin great grandchildren to her family in November. She keeps in touch with the last members of Atlanta Group IV, **Irene Sewell Hobby '22** and **Mary Lester Brooks '29**. She and other Group IV members were saddened by the death of **Mary Rudisill Trippe '33**, who was the youngest member of their group at age 95! Annie sends love to all her Wesleyan friends. She hopes to attend the Golden Belles Luncheon in April.

1930s

"Wesleyan Pioneers, I like that! My Class of 1930 spent two years on the city campus and two at Rivoli. In 1990 I self-published true stories entitled *Pioneer Daughter* (Daughter of a Barefoot Mailman). I was born in Palm Beach County before it was separated from (Miami) Dade County. "First," "only," and "pioneer" are words used to describe my South Florida heritage. My extended years have brought special blessings such as joy in Wesleyan's success as a woman's college, and recognition as a 75 year member of the PEO Sisterhood, which

owns Cottey College for women in Missouri. I now live in Johnson City, Tennessee, to be near family," writes **Margaret Garnett Harris '30**.

Congratulations to **Suelle McKellar Swartz '33** of Dacula, Georgia, who celebrated her 95th birthday on November 11, 2006. She lives with her daughter, **Suelle Swartz '67**.

"I keep in touch with **Carolyn Martin Craft '36** through her sister **Elizabeth Martin Jennings '42**. I have been living happily for eight years in an independent retirement home. **Carolyn Bacon Beard '33** lives in Trinity Nursing Home across the street. Our family (of seven) spent Christmas in Tampa, Florida, with my granddaughter and her family," reports **Lou Wilkins Orr '36** of Columbus, Mississippi.

Dot Mackin DuPuis '38 of Silver Spring, Maryland, writes that she is now a great grandmother for the second time! "We are all so thrilled to have two little girls...the first girls to be born in the family since our daughter 59 years ago. Fortunately all of our family lives within an hour's drive. I still drive and enjoy visits with them. I still miss my husband very much, so these visits help tremendously."

Bernardine Smith Thomas '38 of New Orleans, reports that she is still in good health with no medication. "I enjoy living at Lambuth House – the retirement center where I moved eight years

ago. The only difference is I no longer drive a car, which is inconvenient but would be hazardous in New Orleans at my age."

Anne Brooks Bazemore '39 of Tennesse, Georgia, proudly reports that she reached her 90th birthday in August. She is still active with her many clubs, enjoys grand trips with friends, and still lives at home.

Dorothy "Dot" Rountree Budd '39 is a resident of Wesleyan Woods in Atlanta, where she is a pianist for services there. "I am a graduate of Wesleyan Conservatory and here I received a post graduate scholarship (valedictory) in piano and one in organ, which I completed in 1940."

1940s

The new United States senator from Ohio is Sherrod Campbell Brown, son of **Emily Campbell Brown '41** of Mansfield, Ohio. He defeated a two-term incumbent. Brown's regional campaign was a family affair with his mother, Emily, and all of his relatives heavily involved in the campaign process. Senator Brown is married to Connie Schultz, a Pulitzer Prize winning author, who writes for the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

From Gainesville, Georgia, **Elizabeth Martin Jennings '42** and her husband have wonderful news to share. Their daughter, Elizabeth Jennings Powell, MD, was ordained an Episcopal priest

in May 2006. She is the assistant rector at St. Simons on the Sound Episcopal Church in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Her husband, The Reverend David B. Powell, is the rector at St. Andrews by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Destin, Florida.

Rita Santry McGill '42 has moved to an apartment in the assisted living area of Cypress Village in Jacksonville, Florida. One of the walls in her room is completely covered with photos of family and friends, and she calls it her "wall of memories." Rita turned 85 in July and has been celebrating her birthday ever since! She even had a pre-birthday party with her daughter, Robyn, and Robyn's family. Throughout July the parties continued with visits from her two sons: Bob and his family, and son Mike and his wife. The celebrations continued through Christmas when all three of her children and their families were together.

From Rochester, New York, **Alice Burrowes Ritter '42** writes to friends in the alumnae office. "I think of you – in my 'old' working quarters in the Candler Building, which was the library when I was a student, and when I came back to be assistant librarian from 1943-45 with my dear Katharine Carnes." Alice says that she and **Rita Santry McGill '42** still keep in touch.

GIFTS THAT GIVE! Give a gift that gives back to your alma mater, like a beautiful Wesleyan alumnae bracelet. Remain “true, faithful, and loyal” by wearing an American made custom designed pewter bracelet with these engraved sentiments and others that are close to every Wesleyan woman’s heart. Priced right at just ten dollars plus shipping, these lovely bracelets will sell quickly. Since proceeds benefit Wesleyan, you’ll want one to keep and one to share. Call Lia at (478) 757-2802 to order.



“I spend summers in Virginia Beach, Virginia, in a retirement community and my winters in Florida,” writes **Mary Belle Gardner Quesenberry ’43**, from her Coral Gables home. She spent Christmas touring Chile and will spend Easter with her children. “I still play golf (but poorly) and piano, also.”

“I have another great grandson (my second great grandchild),” writes **Lucia Lindsey Smith ’44** from Atlanta. Tyler Keller, age 11 months, joins 9-year-old Riley Carney.

In Albany, Georgia, **Dr. Mary Brown Heritage ’45** says she is blessed with good health, and is happy and busy.

From Decatur, Georgia, **Wylene Dillard Kendrick ’45** sends congratulations to everyone involved in the beautiful *Wesleyan Magazine*. “Love it!” writes Wylene.

Virginia Martin Lawrence ’45 volunteers in a hospital library, sings in two groups, and is active at her Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. She and her husband love spending the summer months at their cottage on a lake in Northeastern Michigan, where she enjoys visits from family and friends.

Joyce Daniel Mann, Jane Kollock McCall, and Beverly Burgess Meadors planned and entertained their Class of ’46 for their 60th reunion last spring. Attendance

was wonderful! “We had a fun get-together at Beverly’s house,” reports Joyce.

Anne Carlton Blanchard ’47 of Asheville, North Carolina, has enjoyed several visits from Wesleyans recently. **Marybelle Proctor Menzel ’62** and her husband, Bob, (of Littleton, Colorado) stopped by to see Anne’s new home at Givens Estates, a Methodist retirement home. In December, **Jane Clapp Anderson ’48** and her husband, Eade, from Montreat, North Carolina, shared dinner and memories of their recent trip to Egypt with Anne.

Rosalind Allison Burns ’47 has moved to Tallahassee, Florida, to be close to her daughter.

Peggy Derby Champlin ’47 of Los Angeles, California, reports that her oldest granddaughter and her husband adopted their 3rd baby in September. Margaret now has her fifth great grandchild!

Betty Turner Corn ’47 proudly writes from Columbus, Georgia, that she and her husband, Lovick, have been married 57 years and still get along. “We have 12 grandchildren and are trying to ‘match-make’ two of them. Our five wonderful daughters have truly blessed our lives.”

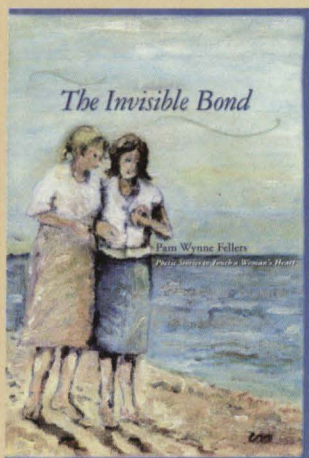
Harriet “Happy” Loeb Feeney ’47 lives in Ruskin, Florida, on an inlet off Tampa Bay. She and her husband, Edward, built their home

there in 1973, when he retired from the Air Force. Although they both are in their eighties they continue to travel. In summer 2006 they took an Oceania cruise out of London and Croatia. She also proudly reports on her children and six grandchildren, who all live in California. “Son Ray still owns RFX Inc. in Hollywood, but devotes much of his time to working with the Motion Picture Academy. He and his wife, Sydney, live in Pasadena and have four children – one at home in high school and two still in college. Our daughter, Lynn, and her husband, Jon, live in Thousand Oaks. They stay busy with Jon’s company, Alt Systems. Their two daughters have graduated from college and are on their own,” reports Harriet.

Mary Ainsworth Mitchell ’47, shares in the legacy and future of her beloved Wesleyan. “My husband, the late James Warren Mitchell, Jr., has bequeathed a percentage of his estate at my death to Wesleyan in memory of his aunt, **Lucille Banks Snead (1901)** a Wesleyanne who graduated more than 100 years ago!” Mary is proud of her own Wesleyan connections as well. Her grandfather, Bishop W.N. Ainsworth, was President of Wesleyan (1909-1912). His wife, who was Mary’s grandmother, **Mary Nicholson Ainsworth**, graduated from Wesleyan in 1891 at age 16.

Jane Anne Mallet Settle ’47 of Jackson, Georgia, remembers the beautiful life of **Frances Harris Trezevant ’47**, classmate and friend to many, who died in Bienne, Switzerland, on August 8, 2006. “I know her death saddens our class as we celebrate our 60th reunion in 2007,” writes Jane Anne. Frances lived her life to the fullest, from editing the 1947 *Veterropt* (which Jane reminds classmates to treasure), to following politics at all levels, and leading friends and classmates on luxurious adventures across the globe. “My husband and I enjoyed a number of Trezevant planned and guided travel sprees. They arranged an especially splendid summer holiday at Zermatt in ‘their’ Switzerland, which included our mutual classmate **Betty Thompson ’47** from New York. Among the blessings of my now 80 years, I gratefully count friendship with Frances Harris Trezevant – complete woman, exemplifying life through continuing her education and experience in the liberal arts,” reflects Jane.

From New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, **Liz Hean Stone ’48** shares news that her son, Charles G. Stone II, did the architectural lighting for the new Atlanta Aquarium. The facility has garnered rave reviews from all who have seen it. She also reports that her oldest granddaughter was offered early acceptance to Yale but chose Harvard instead because her mother graduated from there, and Liz’s husband earned his law degree there. Liz hopes some of the other granddaughters will consider Wesleyan!



BONDS OF SISTERHOOD. Pam Wynne Fellers '67 authored *The Invisible Bond*, a poetic collection of stories written to touch a woman's heart. The book guides readers through various lifestages of women with poetic accounts of such experiences as adolescence, marriage, motherhood, divorce, loss and love. Pam's work takes the reader on a journey through a woman's life with the hope of creating a "sisterhood that helps us cope through all of the happy and sad times of our life." She says she has been writing poetry since she was a child and words are her painter's palette. Pam is a resident of Fort Collins, Colorado.

Betty Buntyn Googe '49 has been a volunteer at University of Tennessee Hospital in Knoxville, Tennessee, for 39 years. Her husband joined her 10 years ago in the gift shop. "We recommend being volunteers for a most rewarding experience."

The Class of 1949 is planning a mini-reunion during Alumnae Weekend 2007. "We are looking forward to seeing our 'big sister' class," writes class president **Mary Lane Edwards Hartshorn '49**.

Sara Stewart Rountree '49 reported from Pensacola, Florida, on some special family happenings. Her oldest grandson graduated from high school last summer and now attends William and Mary. To celebrate these milestones in his life, Sara and her grandson's family took a cruise to Nova Scotia. "I also visited another son and his family in beautiful Connecticut, and enjoyed them very much."

Arline Taylor Slack '49 has a new address. She has moved to Sunrise in Decatur, Georgia. Daughter **Ginny Slack '73** still lives close by.

Libba Cook Smith '49 of Statesboro, Georgia, delights in now counting a great granddaughter among her five great grandsons! "I am still working at our Statesboro-Bulloch Chamber of Commerce three days a week and love my job."

Marion Allison Webb '49 of Lawrenceville, Georgia, was touched and taken by complete surprise when the Gwinnett County Rotary Club honored her as a 2006 recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow Award. The award is given in appreciation for tangible and significant assistance toward furthering the cause of world-wide understanding and friendship among people. The Club presented her with a beautiful medallion, as well as a gift for the Gwinnett Hospital System Foundation – a cause which Marion holds dear to her heart.

1950s

Congratulations to **Harriett Middlebrooks Roswurm '50** and her husband, Don, who recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. They are both well and active in church and volunteer activities in Seal Beach, California.

In Stone Mountain, Georgia, **Martha Hayes Blackwell '51** has retired from nursing but stays busy with volunteer work. Her oldest son is an engineer who lives in Houston and has two daughters. Her younger son lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he is a doctor at Carolina Medical and has two sons.

Allee Gardiner Hollis '51 of Macon, and her husband, Bill, welcomed their first grandchild, Collier Marbut, on July 6, 2006. "She lives here in Macon, so we get to see her often." She and Bill

are very active in Red Cross Disaster Volunteer work. In fact, Allee missed her class reunion last April because they were on assignment in Tennessee.

LaVonne Collins Jolley '51 of Signal Mountain, Tennessee, is president of the Chattanooga Area Historical Association. She now has eight grandchildren (four boys and four girls) and two great grandchildren (one boy and one girl).

Helen Clanton Meredith '51 of Wilmington, Delaware, represented Wesleyan College at the Presidential Inauguration of Sharon Hirsh, Ph.D., at Rosemont College in Rosemont, Pennsylvania, in October 2006.

Nancy King Flanders '52 writes from Los Osos, California, that she is still singing, "but not as strong of voice or body!" She has many fond memories of Wesleyan.

"**Artemisia Dennis Thevasos '52** and I went to Greece in October and had a ball. I have a second home in Augusta, where Artie and I live .3 of a mile apart! We still give concerts but also go to the mountains every year with Artie's husband, Theo, and friends, including **Eugenia Toole Glover '49**, **Bill Toole '49**, and others. We also manage numerous trips to Hilton Head. Fun times! Glad we all met and started our musical careers at Wesleyan," writes **Claire Michaels Murray '52** from her "other" home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

"I just don't feel old enough for this – a grandson at East Carolina and a granddaughter at UGA," writes **Mayson Thornton Bissell '53** from her home in Cordele, Georgia. Her husband, Bob, still struggles with the effects of a stroke. "It has been more than six years but we are doing ok – for the shape we're in!" says Mayson.

According to **Claire Houser-Dodd '53** of Fort Valley, Georgia, it's always fun to have Wesleyan classmates visit. Recently, she and **Joyce Hall Pelphrey '54** of Atlanta got together for an action packed weekend that included visiting with friends in Fort Valley and Macon, attending the performance of the *Annette Lyles Story*, and dining with Claire's daughter, Emily, and Emily's new husband, Mike Griffin, and Claire's "grand," Denver Turner, in their new home.

Joan Jennings Norton '53 reports from Green Cove Springs, Florida, that her daughter, **Jeanne Norton Rollberg '79**, spent her summer vacation break (from a 25-year career of teaching at University of Arkansas at Little Rock's School of Media and Communications) with her before attending a national convention for journalism professionals in San Francisco. Joan remains "a happily-retired homebody, political junkie, and relatively healthy septuagenarian!"

Helen Blackmarr Outler '53 is enjoying a peaceful retirement in North Georgia (Murrayville), where she stays busy with master

WESLEYAN VIDALIA ONIONS. Pearson Family Farms in Fort Valley, Georgia, will generously donate a portion of their sales to Wesleyan on this featured item. These onions will be available in May and June when they are at their peak for \$20 a gift pack. Freshly picked, hand-packed, and shipped directly to your home – these onions are the finest in the world! Order online at www.pearsonfarm.com or by phone at 888-GA Fresh. To ensure proceeds benefit Wesleyan, select Wesleyan Vidalia Onions SKU# PFOVVO upon check out.



gardener activities, volunteers at Gainesville's new Smithgall Woodland Gardens, and sings whenever local choirs need an extra alto.

Virginia Eidson Robertson '53 has moved to a new home in LaGrange, Georgia. This one is 100 years old!

"I love reading news from the Class of 1953! I'm off again...this time around South America and Antarctica. Since I had a stent in June I feel great. My two marine grandsons will be in Iraq in March – pray for them – Mark and David. Love to all," writes **Ann Harrell Saunders '53** from Augusta, Georgia.

Congratulations to **Joanie Pritchard Smith '53** and husband Bob of Savannah, who celebrated their 51st anniversary in August 2006. "Bob and I are so grateful to God for each other and for our fantastic family, including five children, 14 grandchildren and five great grandchildren – plus an adopted daughter, Alice, and others who have loved their way into our hearts. I would love to hear from some classmates."

Harriett Willis Bevil '54 writes from Yantis, Texas. "In December 2005 our youngest daughter gave birth to twin girls, each weighing a little over 2 lbs. To watch their progress from wires and tubes to scooting across the floor has been a marvelous journey. We are blessed and thankful."

Ruth White Fruit '54 of Atlanta remembers her dear friend, **Mary Rudisill Trippe '33**, who died in September. "None of us loved Wesleyan more than Mary did. She enjoyed sharing her experiences and memories of the college. My first meeting as an alumna of Wesleyan was held at Mary's home when she was president of the Atlanta Club at that time. We will miss her," writes Ruth.

Donnie Donaldson Porterfield '54 of Savannah, Georgia, and **Ruth Forehand Miller '54** of Dawson, Georgia, talk constantly by telephone. "We do grieve so for the loss of **Betty Bate McCrary '54** – there was never a truer friend. **Carole Coleman Bruley '54** (Sea Island, Georgia) and I stay in contact, too. I recently was glad to hear from **Syd Willis Blackmarr '54** in Tifton," writes Donnie.

Louise S. White '54 from Decatur, Georgia, has self-published her 10th annual edition of *Best Books in Print About the Indians of Georgia, for students in grades K – 8: Cherokee, Creek, and Mound Builders*. Students in public schools are required to learn about *Indians of Georgia* when they study Georgia history. In typical Wesleyan fashion, Louise "noticed that there wasn't much in the way of printed materials on this topic," and decided to fix it. "So in 1997, I decided to compile a list of what was in print."

Woody and **Lucy Neeley Adams '56** will mark their 7th year of retirement living at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, this summer. Although Woody is not serving on a church staff, he and Lucy teach small groups from time to time. In August, Woody had a devotional printed in *The Upper Room*. Since last July, Lucy has been a "monthly regular" on KCIS radio station out of Seattle, Washington, for the program "Living Christian," where once a month she tells two or three hymn stories by phone. She also writes stories for a Christian internet magazine, Crosswalk.com/Faith. "Our four children and their families continue to fill us with joy and thankfulness," writes Lucy. "In August 2007 we will welcome our first great grandchild."

Gail Hollingsworth Rabai '56 has moved from North Carolina to Salem, South Carolina, to be closer to her children. "We are retired at Neowee Key and love it." They love the lake and don't miss the threat of hurricanes.

Julie Adams Hawk '57 of Flowery Branch, Georgia, is looking forward to her 50th reunion in April and being a Golden Belle – at last!

"My husband, J. Sidney Flowers, died in August. We married my senior year at Wesleyan, so we were married for 50 years... almost," writes **Nancy McClellan Flowers '57** from Hinesville, Georgia. (See *Sympathy*.)

Dublin, Georgia, resident **Peggy Miller Nelson '57** hopes all classmates "are revving up for the 50th reunion. I don't feel old enough for this, but unquestionably, I am!" She also reports that **Floreida Judge Harrell '57** of Warner Robins, Georgia, broke her hip in late 2006 but you just can't keep a Wesleyanne down. "She managed to have the surgery, AND have her hair done three times!" Peggy is pleased that her grandson's football team won the Georgia state championship. "See you all in April."

Medra Lott Keyser '58 writes from Fernandina Beach, Florida, with the exciting news that her granddaughter, Elisa Wallace, is pursuing a place on the 2008 U.S. Olympic Equestrian Team. "Elisa's debut win of a World Cup level tournament in Chicago launched her into 9th place on the U.S. Gold Cup Leader Board. She continues to rise in the standings on her horses Jackson and Leap of Faith." Medra also spent some time visiting her daughter **Laura Wallace Arnold '79** and Laura's family in Lloyd Harbor, New York, the beautiful New England-like area on the North Shore of Long Island.

Dr. Anne L. Nalls '58 writes of her exciting adventures from her home in Las Cruces, New Mexico. "Following Tennyson's advice (thanks, Dr. Gin!), I continue 'to drink life to the lees' - teaching six classes a week of taiji, traveling to Vietnam, serving a Global



2007 GEORGIA MOTHER OF THE YEAR: Sylvia Hutchinson (Bostwick) Bell '63 of Tucker, Georgia. This distinguished award is given by the Georgia Mothers Association of American Mothers, Inc., whose purpose is to develop and strengthen the moral and spiritual foundation of the American home and to recognize the important role of the mother in the home, the community, the nation and the world. Sylvia will represent Georgia at the national conference in Las Vegas. Sylvia raised three children as a single parent and now enjoys seven grandchildren. She holds an M.Ed. in Counseling from Georgia State University and leads parenting groups. She is retired from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

Volunteers project in India, and taking a seven day canoe trip down the Green River in Utah in October. What was supposed to be a languid trip changed radically when a huge Pacific weather front moved in with gale force winds, hail, rain, an eight foot rise in the river overnight - the worst storm in decades! It did occur to me that I just might not make it out alive - but then, what a way to go! "To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield!" (*Editor's note: Dr. Nalls, we are grateful your unexpected rapids run "merely" caused your life to flash before your eyes and not to be swallowed up by the depths of the Green River. May we all live life so fully!*)

Joan Nachbaur Rathbun '58 of Longview, Texas, represented Wesleyan College at the presidential inauguration of Dr. Miles McCall at Lon Morris College in August 2006. "The ceremony was wonderful and moving," writes Joan. "The reception was very nice, as well, despite the 104 degrees that day in East Texas!"

Anne Swetnam Barton '59 of Beaufort, South Carolina, writes that she and her husband, Don, are both retired and enjoy spending part of their time in Franklin, North Carolina. Youngest daughter **Merry Alicia '95** is also a Golden Heart, and works as an engineer in Beaufort. The Barton's have one grandchild, Bleys Donal Massey.

Elaine Wilder Jones '59 and her husband, George, have settled into retirement life in Macon. "We are traveling some, but mostly looking after four grandchildren - Justin (16), Kaitlynn (13), Hannah (6), and Ashland (4). They have captured their grandparents' hearts!"

Lucia Wurst Loper '59 of Jupiter, Florida, loves to travel. This year she cruised around South America and had a great time. She recalls taking her first trip to Europe in the summer of 1958 with the professors Cooper, where she had "the time of her life."

"Life is great," writes **Carol King Pope '59** of Macon. "I continue to paint and enjoy my new studio. I am thankful for Mickey and my good health, and for four lively grandchildren."

Judy Johnson Whitwer '59 writes from Grand Rapids, Michigan, that she is now retired and doing well. "I am using my flute again and playing in the West Michigan Flute Orchestra."

1960s

Dale Odum Barrow '60 has a **WESLEYAN FIRST**. Dale and her high school tennis doubles partner, Ann Quarterman Duncan, are the first tandem entry named to the Waycross-Ware County Sports Hall of Fame in Waycross, Georgia. They won the Georgia state high school tennis doubles championships three years in a row - the first time that had ever

been done. Throughout their playing years, Dale and Ann left an undefeated record as a team. Dale played on the Wesleyan tennis team and majored in physical education. She now lives in Mount Holly, North Carolina.

Atlanta resident **MaryAnn Bass Chapman '60** has recently retired as associate pastor of Northside United Methodist Church in Atlanta. She will soon be a grandmother for the 4th time!

Sandra Dew Graves '60 of Ooltewah, Tennessee, shares that they are enjoying eight grandchildren and are still involved with the Gideon ministry and jail and prison ministry. "I am going to Mexico on a mission trip in October. I've been trying to memorize verses in Spanish. Thanks Miss Broome!"

Dr. Sheila Nichols McNeill '60 of Tampa, Florida, continues to work as a federal criminal attorney. In September 2006, the McNeills spent three weeks in Scotland, the country from which her husband's family immigrated to North Carolina.

"I am sorry I could not come to the reunion last April. We were 'under water' building a new house in Austin, Texas. It was finished in September," reports **Judy Warnock Burns '61**.

Jean Edwards Dukes '61 of Barnesville, Georgia, enjoys reading all the e-mails going back and

forth between classmates. "Even though I didn't graduate from Wesleyan, I always feel so much a part of 'The Group.'" Jean has successfully won her second battle with breast cancer. In October she and her three girls participated in a special event in the fight against the disease, Breast Cancer 3 Day. Jean walked 60 miles over three days to raise money for breast cancer. Her daughter, Alyson, has named her mother's team Jean's Dream Team. "I consider myself fully recovered from breast cancer (for the second time). Now, I just have to worry about my creaky old knees holding out. Lots of love," writes Jean.

Beth Mason Duncan '61 of Ponte Vedra, Florida, has found that "life goes on, and I am happy to be teaching three courses at Florida Community College at Jacksonville. So far, I have always taught English composition, and I am thankful I enjoy it." Beth has a miniature poodle, Annie, to keep her company. "My grateful and sincere thanks to each of you who have emailed me or sent me a card after Don died. There can be no doubt that the pundit was correct: Old friends are best friends."

Suzanne Jones Kahn '61 of Pensacola, Florida, had a wonderful visit with her classmates, **Joanne Jordan '61** (Monticello, Georgia) and **Janice Boland Smith '61** (Atlanta), at Janice's condo in Destin. "We had a great seafood lunch in Seaside, split a bottle of pinot grigio, ate frozen yogurt,

TOP OF THE HILL. **Janice A. Mays '73** is the new staff director of the House Ways and Means Committee. Widely recognized as the tax expert who helped write the Tax Reform Act of 1986, Janice has worked on Capitol Hill for 31 years. She was staff director for the committee from 1993-1995 and has been the committee's minority staff director since then. According to Janice, the committee is likely to focus first on "low hanging fruit" upon which Democrats and Republicans can find common ground, ranging from technical corrections to earlier legislations to the question of how to close the tax gap and collect unpaid taxes. She is a graduate of the University of Georgia Law School and the Georgetown University Law School.



and enjoyed the Gulf scenery while we played catch-up after so many years. It was so much fun. And, the best part was that we just picked up where we left off – still comfortable friends after all these years. I treasure that time we spent together. I attribute the opportunity to **Jean Cain Gaddis '61** passing on info through the Class of '61 email list, and to Jane's original laundry question, which started the process."

"In January, Ernie and I spent six plus weeks in Brazil, Argentina, and points south and west. The south was Antarctica, where it was summer and temps ranged around 5-40 F. The west was Easter Island, to check out those statues. A wee bit of temperature change to deal with here! We had a pleasant 2006 Christmas. I sang in our church choir four times on Christmas Eve Sunday. We will not have to do that for another six years or until it comes on Sunday again!" writes **Muriel "Mimi" Decker Mortensen '61** of La Jolla, California. Mimi also had a card from **Jane Baker Chaffin '61** who said that she and her husband, Joel, have relocated to Nicholson, Mississippi, after losing everything in hurricane Katrina.

From Augusta, Georgia, **Gayle Langston Ricklefs '61** reports, "Ron and I spent two weeks in the province of Quebec, Canada, in September. We went whale watching in Tadoussac, cruised up the Saguenay Fjord, and made piggies

of ourselves over the wonderful French cooking." It wasn't nearly as exciting to return home, back "down to earth and dieting."

Sheila Leto Scott '61 from Boynton Beach, Florida, has temporary quarters. She and her husband, John, are living in Marianna, Florida, for one year while he is the interim priest at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. "It is almost like being newly married, since we are living in a two bedroom duplex and we came with a 4 X 8 U-Haul and what we could get in the car. The nice thing about being here is that we get to see old friends and relatives. We are one hour from Panama City where we both graduated from high school. We saw **Liz Heim Cullen '61** and her husband, Spencer, at John and Spencer's 50th high school reunion. I met **Betty Joyce Bevis Hand '61** for lunch in Marianna. She was excited about taking a cruise to the Mediterranean. I hadn't seen her since our Wesleyan days."

Congratulations to first time grandparents Hoyt and **LaTrelle Blackburn Oliver '62**, who live in Oxford, Georgia. Son Erik and his wife, Monica, have a new son, Lucas Sylvan, born on September 16, 2006.

Congratulations to Wesleyan Trustee **Diane A. Lumpkin '63** of Charlotte, North Carolina, who received the George Stegner Award from the Carolinas Concert Association in November. The

award is given for outstanding service and dedication to this organization that is celebrating its 77th season of bringing outstanding performing artists to the Charlotte area.

Members of the class of 1964 gathered on St. Simons Island to celebrate the life of **Helen Cousar Wells '64** in October. "We built a sandcastle on the beach for Helen with a large mound in the middle, representing Helen, and smaller mounds around it, representing those in her support group. There was a moat, and the castle was decorated with sea shells as a symbol of Helen's artwork. The next day we visited Helen's grave and left green and purple balloons. That evening we made luminary bags for Helen and our other deceased classmates. With the candles lit, we read poetry, and had a good cry. Those present were **Moon Burt, Mary Helen Hall Ringe, Barbara Abercrombie, Peggy Pierce Chandler, Mary Helen Pope Daniel**, and Helen's son, Brad Wells," writes Carol Burt from St. Simons Island.

Jane Brockinton Earhart '64 writes from Plantation, Florida, "**Harriet Bell Furman '64** (Boone, North Carolina) and I recently spent a week together. We had loads of fun talking about old times. We had not only been roommates at Wesleyan but best friends through high school."

Margaret Mannheim Sease '64 of Saluda, North Carolina, enjoyed attending the Asheville Wesleyan Luncheon at Grove Park Inn in November.

"Don and I enjoy so much our five children, their spouses, and our nine grandchildren – so far. But, we also love the empty nest," writes **Rosemary McGraw Barfield '65** from Albany, Georgia.

Mary Jane McCarren Brantley '65 of Sarasota, Florida, helped her mother, **Hellen Goepp McCarren '26**, celebrate her 102nd birthday on November 10, 2006. Hellen lives with her daughter in Sarasota. Congratulations, Hellen!

Carole Jones Graham '65 of Eastman, Georgia, has published a new book that just might be of interest to some Wesleyan (current and graduates). The book is titled *The Bells Are Ringing: A Take-Along Guide for the Mother of the Bride*. Carole will be signing her book at Marketplace during Alumnae Weekend in April. Until then check out southernrenaissancepublishing.com for more information.

North Carolina Poet Laureate **Kathryn "Kay" Stripling Byer '66** says "hello" from the mountains of Cullowhee, North Carolina. She also invites everyone to "give a look to" the *New Southerner*, an online magazine which has its first year's anthology in print. "Included are interviews with Wendell Berry and yours truly, poems by a number of fine young Southern writers, and essays on a



DYNAMIC DUO. In October, pianist **Nancy McDonald Terhorst '78** of Santa Rosa, California, (*right*) performed a duo piano concert with her musical partner Robin Beloff-Wachsberg (*left*) at Macon's Little Carnegie of the South, a performance venue founded by her former Wesleyan piano professor Louise Barfield (*center*). At home on the west coast, Nancy is an active teacher, performer, choral conductor, and soloist. For seventeen years Nancy served as music director at several churches in Santa Rosa, and she is a current member and former president of the Music Teachers' Association of California in Sonoma County and a founding member of the Young Artists Chamber Ensembles (YACHE) program. The Terhorst-Wachsberg Duo has been performing together for more than a decade.

number of topics, including *Mountaintop Removal* by Janisse Ray and *The Horrendous Offense of Hanging Clothes Out on the Clothesline* by Bobbi Buchanan, the editor and founder of this wonderful e-zine," writes Kay.

Dr. Barbara Clinton '66 shares news from Daytona Beach Shores, Florida, about the death of her mother, Gladys M. Clinton, who died in April 2006. "Both mother and dad, Commander Robert J. Clinton, a Navy jet pilot, were very active in the Wesleyan parents' group and helped to get it started. Dad was president of the group while I was there." Barbara also took early retirement from Georgia College and "loves living in Florida in view of the ocean." (See *Sympathy*.)

Maconite **Catharine Burns Liles '66** writes to tell about a special connection between the legacy of her family and that of Wesleyan. "I have placed a scrapbook of poetry of my great grandfather, Joseph Tyron Derry, a former Wesleyan professor, on permanent loan to Wesleyan. The scrapbook contains personal letters from Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee and Woodrow Wilson – a student of my grandfather's before he taught at Wesleyan."

Evaughn Lowery Balkcom '68 of Montgomery, Alabama, and her husband are grandparents to twins – a boy and a girl born in November. Conner James and Caroline live nearby in Montgomery, which makes babysitting easy.

Congratulations to **Dot Ogden Brown '67** of Macon, who received the 2006 Macon Arts Alliance Cultural Award. The award recognizes individuals who have given service to the community through the arts. Dot is an artist and educator who taught art for 35 years in both public and private schools in Bibb County. She earned a BFA in graphic art from Wesleyan and earned an MFA in painting from the University of Georgia. She served six years as the coordinator of the fine arts magnet program at Central High School. Her current work with the Macon Arts Alliance's Bibb County Institute for the Arts, a summer staff development program in arts integration for Bibb County Public School teachers, provides her with the opportunity to train teachers to use the arts as a way to engage students in learning.

Jane Price Claxton '68 writes about a special addition to her family. "Our first grandchild, Aaron Joseph Krabacher, arrived on July 8, 2006, in Columbus, Ohio. Our daughter, Anne, and her husband, Greg Krabacher, are the proud parents. Trips between our home in Macon and the Buckeye state are now more frequent. Aaron is a precious baby. We just adore him!"

Susan E. Swain Goger '68 of Atlanta celebrated her 60th birthday by retiring from her career in court services. "Love it! I now can spend more time playing tennis and seeing our five

grandchildren. Yes, Kitty has two children, Ben (4) and Lily (2). Jack's daughter, Merci, has three children: Davis (6), Fletcher (3), and Shelby (15 months) Fun, Fun!"

Katherine Dickert Hufstetler '68 of Mt. Holly, North Carolina, has retired after 33 years of service with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System.

2006 was an unusual year for **Vickie Page Jaus '68**, who lives in Charlotte, North Carolina. "Husband Hal had a very successful liver transplant in January and is doing quite well. My dad passed away suddenly in June but mama is adjusting well, too. I enjoyed seeing Wesleyan friends at the Charlotte luncheon in November," writes Vickie. (See *Sympathy*.)

In Elkton, Maryland, **Beverly Hodges Kitchin '68** is the director of community employment services at Cecil Community College in Elkton Station.

Martha Pafford Schindhelm '68 and her husband live in Bridgewater, Connecticut, and are grandparents for the third time. In November, daughter Jessie and her husband, Jay, welcomed a daughter, Anne Ward Ferrara, into the family. Martha's other daughter, Joanna, has moved to Savannah with her husband, Jeff, and their 5 year-old boys, Ben and Rickey.

"My husband, John, and I recently retired and moved to Estes Park, Colorado, the gateway to Rocky

Mountain National Park. Our days are spent hiking and volunteering for the park. We would love to visit with any Wesleyannes traveling this way," writes **Sally Plowden Stevenson '68**.

Ginger Parker Sanders White '68 of Lexington, Kentucky, spent four wonderful days in April at Leitchfield Beach visiting with **Ruth Anne Gray Randolph '68** (Baltimore, Maryland), **Ginna Larson Schneider '68** (Arlington, Virginia) and **Helen Jackson Burgin '68** (Columbus, Georgia). Continuing the traveling reunion, she met **Beth Rogero Bowen '68** and her husband, Jerry, at Amelia Island, Florida, for a cookout. Ginger's daughter, Sarah, is a freshman at the University of Richmond in Virginia.

In October 2006, **Ann Reaves Burr '69** of Buckhannon, West Virginia, represented Wesleyan College at the Presidential Inauguration of Dr. Pamela Balch at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, West Virginia.

Tricia Pace Fordham '69 of Elko, Georgia, shares that her son, Marshall, completed the requirements for his master's degree in classical guitar performance from Chicago College of Performing Arts in September 2006.

Congratulations to **Barbara Marble Tagg, Ed.D. '69** of Camillus, New York, who received the Syracuse University College of Visual and Performing Arts

LIFE IS A CABERET! Jeanne Luke Longerbeam '80 of Cumming, Georgia, (far right) has started her own professional women's trio, *Variations*, a New York-style cabaret. Deb Howington Carraway '78 from Woodstock, Georgia, has joined the group as pianist. (Deb was pianist for the Wesleyannes when Jeanne was a member.) *Variations* premiered in a public performance in November 2006 at the Lakeview Center in Dawsonville, Georgia, with a one hour show, a light hearted musical comedy review outlining women's lives, loves, and losses, based on the Sondheim song "I'm Not Getting Married Today." In February, *Variations* performed at the Kudzu Playhouse in Roswell.



Alumni Award for service to the university, community, and professional field. Her 70-voice S.U. Women's Choir will host 180 singers for their 5th Annual Women's Choir Festival. Barbara is the founder of The Syracuse Children's Chorus, which celebrated its 25th anniversary season with a tour to California.

1970s

June Hall Cooper '70 of Austin, Texas, is now the grandmother of twins! Abby and Matt Weir were born July 28, 2006. "They reside in Austin near me!"

Jan Drury Cox '70 writes from Atlanta, that she recently retired from teaching English after 35 years. She took a week's vacation last summer to Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon to celebrate. In August she spent a week in New York City sightseeing and getting her daughter, Joy, settled in Brooklyn.

Lana Tygart Griner '70 reports from Brooklet, Georgia, that she and her husband are expecting their first grandchildren in March 2007. "Both daughters are pregnant and the babies are due within weeks of each other!"

Maconite **Pat Hammock Wall '70** shares that her granddaughter, Kate, was a year old in October 2006. Her son, Rob, and his wife, Elizabeth, are expecting an addition in April 2007.

Susan Woodward Walker '70 of Franklin, Tennessee, writes, "We celebrated our daughter Margaret's graduation from Harpeth Hall School in Nashville last May with a typical big family gathering! Her grandmother, **Julia Munroe Woodward '34** and aunts, **Mary Margaret Woodward McNeill '60** and **Judy Woodward Gregory '63** were there to share our excitement when she was named Valedictorian, as were our son, Robert, and his wife, Halle, grandson, Alexander, and our other son, George. With Margaret enjoying her freshman year at Princeton University, Otey and I are adjusting pretty well to the empty nest. We've enjoyed several trips, including one to visit **Susan Reynolds Gregory '70** and her husband, Joe, at their new home in St. Mary's."

Lindy Anderson '71 writes from Clermont, Florida, in response to the most recent *Wesleyan Magazine*. "The magazine was one of the best I've seen - very interesting articles. I read it from front to back and in between! I especially enjoyed the article on the Russian sister city. I went to Russia in 1970 and always enjoy reading anything cultural about it."

Sher Senna Pollard '72 from St. Simons Island, Georgia, retired after 32 years in education, the last seven of which were as the principal of an elementary school. "However, I couldn't go from working 60-70 hours a week to nothing, so I work part-time supervising student teachers for Armstrong University."

Atlanta Woman Magazine named **Dr. Lynn Franks Ranew '72** one of its "25 Power Women to Watch." Her other new name is "grandmother," since her daughter delivered a beautiful baby girl, Addie Clementine, on October 31, 2006.

From Ft. Worth, Texas, **Dr. Susan Moses Shropshire '72** reports that her husband, Cameron Shropshire, MD, retired last year. Their oldest son, Macarthur, is a sophomore at the University of Texas in the business honors program, and is in KA fraternity. Youngest son Grady is a junior in high school at All Saints Episcopal School and plays on the varsity golf team.

Janie Shirah Stump '72 and husband Robert of Fort Valley, Georgia, are new grandparents. Grandson Owen Inman was born in Thomasville in February.

Dr. Susan Wyllys Wallace '72 has news from Savannah, Georgia. "Dick and I have two grandsons! Ben is two and Julian is eight months old. Richard and Melissa and the boys live in Asheville! Dick works with Celia Dunn Sotheby's Real Estate in Savannah."

Congratulations to **Marsha Lynn Christy '73** of Perry, Georgia, who was named the director of the Houston County Library System in October 2006.

Deborah Monds Davis '73 of Cochran, Georgia, says, "Though I don't keep in touch, I think often

of my Wesleyan friends. May God bless you all. My daughter, Tiffany, graduated from UGA in December 2006 with a degree in speech communication. Daughter Paula is an X-ray technician, and Elizabeth is a freshman at Middle Georgia College."

Congratulations to **Hale Coble Edwards '73**, who was selected as South Carolina's Middle School Teacher of Excellence at the South Carolina State Social Studies Conference. In December Hale enjoyed visiting with **Martha Townsend Dyal '75** of Palm Beach, Florida, and **Nina Sheppard Terrell '58** of Macon (godmother to Hale's son James) at the wedding of Hale's niece, Callie Kirkley. Callie is the daughter of Hale's sister, **Mary Coble Kirkley '75**, who lives in Eastman, Georgia.

Mary Graham Ponder Foster '73 moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in February 2006. My great friend, **Kathy Amidon MacGregor '73**, came down from Jacksonville and helped me unpack. My son, Graham, is 15."

Dr. Elizabeth Lilly '73 of Rome, Georgia, represented Wesleyan College at a presidential inauguration at Kennesaw State University in October 2006. Elizabeth is a professor in the education department at Kennesaw State.

Linda Brown Walker '73 of Raleigh, North Carolina, enjoyed attending the Wesleyan alumnae



BACK HOME AGAIN. Beth Kargel '91 of Atlanta accepted the position of major gifts officer at Wesleyan in October 2006. Beth worked at Wesleyan from 1991-1996 in the office of admission and in the public relations office. She returned to Wesleyan after serving as director of development for Hands On Atlanta, the Atlanta Girls' School and the Atlanta Women's Foundation. Currently, Beth encourages Wesleyan's most significant Annual Fund donors to join the George Foster Pierce Leadership Society, which numbered 60 members in its first year with donations of \$5,000 and above.

event in Raleigh held in November. She and husband Harry traveled to Memphis where they watched their daughter's last NCAA D-III conference field hockey tournament held at Rhodes College. Daughter Louisa has been a senior captain of the Sewanee team. "I saw MANY golden gingko trees in Nashville and Memphis that reminded me of Wesleyan," writes Linda.

Gail Dixon Mann '74 is the new interim director of the Graceville Extension Center of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. She has served as a Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil, attended Southwestern Seminary and holds a master of divinity degree from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. She is pursuing additional studies at Troy University. Gail is the widow of Dr. Nathaniel Edward Mann, former assistant professor of Evangelism and Missions at the Baptist College of Florida. They have three daughters. The Extension Center meets on the campus of the Baptist College of Florida in Graceville, Florida. Classes for master of divinity and master of arts in Christian education degrees, as well as classes for the doctor of ministry degrees are offered. Contact Gail at gadixonmann@bellsouth.net for more information.

Betsy Wakeford Thompson '75 of Houston, Texas, is proud of her son, Wakeford, who will graduate from UGA in May 2007 with a double major in finance, risk

management and insurance. He will return to Houston to work at Amegy Bank in June.

Francine Smith Wendelboe '75 is a candidate for chairman of the New Hampshire Republican Party. Francine served ten years as a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives and, in 2005, the Speaker of the House selected her to be the Deputy Majority Leader on his leadership team. She also has served on the finance committee, in the division responsible for health care funding, and, for nine years, she served on the health and human services and elderly affairs committee. Republican Governor Steve Merrill nominated Francine to serve on the NH Board of Pharmacy. She was the NH state director for Women in Government, a national organization of legislators, a member of the American Legislative Exchange Council, and has received numerous honors throughout her political career.

Julie Castle '76 has retired to her hometown of Mobile, Alabama, to be closer to her mother and family. Anxious to meet other Wesleyannes in the area, Julie looks forward to being an alumnae club contact for Mobile.

Congratulations to **Janice Cromer Holbrook '76** and husband Fred of West Bloomfield, Missouri, who celebrated their 30th anniversary with a trip to Las Vegas in July 2006. Their daughter, Erin, graduated from Clemson University in 2005 and moved to Chicago,

where she is an aspiring "talk show host." Son Jonathan will attend Columbia College at Chicago in September, where he plans to major in music business management.

Beth Holliman Boswell '77 of Winston Salem, North Carolina, was named one of three "Women on the Move" in *Forsyth Magazine*. Boswell left Huntsville, Alabama, in 1998 after leading the Land Trust of Huntsville and North Alabama for 18 months. She is the current director of development for Habitat Forsyth County. Beth has held leadership positions in Winston-Salem Children's Chorus, the Piedmont Opera Theater, Brenner Children's Hospital and the Heart Association of Forsyth County. She is active with Junior League in Winston-Salem and has served on the nominating committee of the Association of Junior League International. Beth has three children: Margaret McLain, 26; Matthew McLain, 22; and Meredith McLain, 17. She is married to Skip Boswell. Her mother, **Nancy Williams Holliman '54**, lives in Huntsville.

Congratulations to **Jeri Ellis Crowell '78**, director of the Academic Center at Wesleyan, who received her Ed.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision, in October 2006 from the University of Cincinnati. Jeri began her doctoral program in 2002 and completed her master's degree in Mental Health Counseling in 2003, which means she over-

lapped the programs and is qualified to teach both mental health and school counseling. Her dissertation, "Exploring Urban Teachers' Work Using the Ecological Counseling Model" relates to her internship as a school counselor in an inner city school, where she was amazed at the high quality teaching staff working in a very challenging environment with few resources. The ecological counseling model is the basis for her training and focuses on the person-environment fit, so she was interested in the career fit for these teachers. Jeri is also president of the Georgia branch of the Association for Specialists in Group Work, and is co-authoring a book called *Group Techniques: How to Use Them More Purposefully*.

Page Walker Jones '78 married Tony Payne in 2002 and moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, in 2005. She served as an alumnae hostess at the Charlotte Alumnae Luncheon in November 2006. "I was glad to meet sister Wesleyannes!"

Mary McMillan Mancin '78 lives in Bartow, Georgia, where she enjoys being a part of the music ministry at her church and volunteering at Bartow's community theater. She was especially pleased to have Wesleyan's Concert Choir and The Wesleyannes perform there last April. She and John will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in 2007. "Life is beautiful in this small town," writes Mary.

SUPER SOPRANO. **Caroline Thomas '81** of Muenster, Germany, and her Italian accompanist Fabio Vettrai, were guest artists for the Norman McLean Master Class held at Wesleyan last November. Caroline, whose career is based in Germany, has achieved international acclaim for her operatic roles. Her performances have included works by Wagner, Mozart, Weber, Puccini, Verdi, and Strauss. She was Washington National Opera's "Singer of the Year" in 2003. That year also marked her debut with the Seattle Opera, where she has participated in several performances of Wagner's Ring Cycle.



1980s

"Best wishes to my classmates. I am staying very busy teaching music and English at a public arts school, in addition to my voice studio. My brother and I recently traveled to Vermont for our annual "summit." We enjoyed the peace, quiet, and gorgeous nature and, of course, each other's company," writes **Valerie Cowart '80**, who lives in Nashua, New Hampshire.

Congratulations to **Dr. Mary Stephens Malone '80** of Oxford, Georgia, and her new husband, John Malone, from Redlands, California, who married in October 2006. Mary and John will maintain two residences for several years, as both have businesses that will take time to relocate. John is in commercial real estate development, and Mary will maintain her internal medicine practice in Conyers. (See *Marriages*.)

Helen Anne Richards '80 of Decatur, Georgia, accepted a position at Emory University in October. Her official title is Associate Director, News and Information Emory Report/Editor.

Our sympathy to **Jo Alice Patterson Welton '80** of Lawrenceville, Georgia, whose mother, Alice Pauline Justice Patterson, died unexpectedly in August 2006 at age 87. "My mom graduated from Tift but had many friends who were Wesleyan graduates, including **Tena Roberts '60**

and **Sara Griffin Landry '80**. My father, Judge William Joseph Patterson, Jr., is 90 and currently lives with my family in Lawrenceville," reports Jo Alice. (See *Sympathy*.)

Maconite **Elizabeth Reed Puckett '81** took a graduate credit history course at William and Mary College in Virginia that was part of the Teaching American History Grant. While there, she wrote Elementary Grades History Lesson Plans based on new state and federal QCC objectives. Elizabeth says that free lesson plan discs are available at the Ocmulgee Indian Mounds in Macon or teachers can log onto www.wjcc.k12.va.us/tahg and print lesson plans. "Be sure to look at the Ocmulgee National Monument site!" writes Elizabeth.

The Diana Price-Fish Cancer Foundation (DPFCF), a local cancer foundation in Denver, Colorado, honored **Mary Helen Langel Stults '81** and her husband, Greg, for their work with not only the DPFCF but also other local non-profit foundations at the organization's Founders' Ball in November. The Stults have been involved with the foundation for eight years. Greg also served on the board of directors. The DPFCF is dedicated to working with adults with cancer and their families in order to provide them with opportunities for social, cultural, recreational, and entertainment-related activities.

Suzanne Murphy Oliver '82 has maintained her piano studio, PianoMuse/Studio 88/Oliver Piano Studio for more than 26 years. She lives in Roswell, Georgia, with daughter Elizabeth deRoselle Oliver, age 14. Elizabeth keeps her busy being an honor roll student, a member of Roswell Dance Theatre, and a piano student, not to mention being a teenager. Suzanne enjoys performing, songwriting, and teaching on her grand piano (a signed Ibach) and Yamaha digital keyboard with Apple computer. "I miss Wesleyan – some of the best memories ever," writes Suzanne. "I still see my good friend **Abbyjane Walker Eller '82**, who has been quite successful in both her music career and motherhood, and also my close roommate, **Eva Maxwell Fischer '82**, who has worked as a copyright editor and has a beautiful daughter named Arielle."

Lisa Boyer Millican '83 has moved to Griffin, Georgia. In October 2006 she began working at Gordon College in Barnesville as a library technical assistant at Hightower Library. "I remember my first library work experience, also in October (1978), at Willet Memorial Library under the supervision of **Tena Roberts '60**. How time has flown!" writes Lisa.

Laura Reynolds Burke '85 of Warner Robins, Georgia, completed the TAPP (Teacher Alternative Preparation Program) program last summer (2006). She now teaches special education students at Peach County High School.

Congratulations to **Lisa Ahl Duncan '85** who was voted "Teacher of the Year" at Greenbriar Elementary School in Evans, Georgia. This is the third time Lisa has received this honor since graduating from Wesleyan!

Carol Durham Taylor '85 of Belmont, North Carolina, is making a lot of life-changing alterations: 1) she remarried Lee Taylor on July 12, 2006, and 2) she quit her job (November 2006) as a flight attendant with US Airways after 20 years! Her kids, LizAnn (10) and James (8), think it's great that their mom is making so many changes. Carol isn't quite sure yet what her next step will be, but for now, she plans on trying her hand at substitute teaching.

"My art teacher, Joel Plum, taught me to illustrate. Wesleyan taught me to write when I was a student in Early Childhood Education. God has made an author and illustrator out of me. I am grateful and I have faith that my first book, *Fire Station #6*, will continue to earn money. Wesleyan will get small donations from the sales of this book," writes **Alaine Thomas Bowman '86** of Macon.

Jennifer Black Hoss '86 resides in Acworth, Georgia, with her husband of 16 years, Larry, and their two children, Sarah (13) and Hannah (6). When she's not taking the girls to dance or sports events, she is busy working as a



2007 BIBB COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR: Andria Magallano '95 of Macon. Andria chairs Miller Middle School's language arts department, leads an academic focus group, teaches gifted students, and has mentored about fifty new struggling teachers. Last year the Georgia Council of Teachers of English named Andria "Middle School Teacher of the Year," and in 2003 she was nominated as "Teacher of the Year" for Jones Elementary. Andria, who changed her major at Wesleyan from English to education after speaking at a school about studying abroad in France, has taught school for 12 years. "As I stood in front of that classroom long ago, something wonderful happened to me. Teaching clicked inside of me and a flame was ignited," she said. "I knew that I had to do that every day of my life." Pictured (left) Andria and Sharon Patterson, Bibb County Superintendent of Schools.

commercial property manager in Atlanta, where she oversees operations for 16 office buildings. Jennifer credits her Wesleyan internship at Macon Mall for getting her started. "Thanks, Wesleyan!"

Anne E. Arthur '87 has joined the Tourism Division of the Hillsborough County Economic Development Department in Tampa, Florida. Her focus as tourism development consultant is to create diverse tourism marketing programs for the county as well as work with a multitude of non-profit attractions, special event producers, and Chambers of Commerce in their development of programs supported by funding from the county's Tourism Development Council. Anne previously worked with Tampa's Museum of Science and Industry for ten years in the areas of marketing, promotions, special events and non-profit development and fundraising, and the Tampa Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau for five years in the areas of marketing and visitor services.

From Taiwan, **Karol Cheng '87** writes that she is working in the service industry now, after being an accountant. She is also studying Japanese at a local college. Karol says "hello" to all her sister Golden Hearts.

Rita Delaney Harris '87 has moved to an assisted living facility in Portland, Oregon, to be near her family. She celebrated her 90th birthday this past fall. "Love to all

my Wesleyan friends," writes Rita. "I see a few classmates from the Conservatory from time to time. I'm trying to simplify my life to be able to paint more. My art school is thriving – still learn so much from my students," writes **Jackie Kunkel Ivey-Weaver '87** from Macon.

Mary Frances Baugh Stewart '87 is head of the math department at Jones County High School in Gray, Georgia. She and husband Jeff have three children: Whitney, Ryan, and Macy.

Congratulations to **Michele Arduengo '88** of Milton, Wisconsin, who is first author on a book chapter in *Cell-Free Expression*. The book was published by Landis Bioscience in December 2006. (See *Births*.)

From Orlando, Florida, **Anna Fernandez '88** writes, "I am very proud of President Knox and all her staff's performance in ensuring that Wesleyan is the best!"

Susan Fay Flowers '89 attended a conference in Palm Beach Gardens and was delighted to meet up with **Tanya Wade '89** (from West Palm Beach) and her fiancé, John, for dinner. "Tanya looks great and hasn't aged a bit! It was just like old times in Wortham" says Susan.

Classmates **Mary Beth Brown Swearingen '89** from Reynolds, Georgia, and **Debbie Stevenson Moses '89** from Atlanta, took their daughters to Wesleyan last fall for a fun day on campus. "We fed the

geese around the lake, admired the horses, and enjoyed playing outside on a beautiful fall day. Between us, we figured we have two future GKs, one PK and a GH. Sorry, Pirates," writes Mary Beth.

1990s

"My heart is saddened because of the home going of Dr. Jacob Quiambao. He was a great professor and he enriched my life. We are going to miss him. I care about Wesleyan and the bright minds who learn, live, and grow there, therefore I will continue to work for Wesleyan by recruiting and volunteering my services where I am needed," writes **Annie Mae Leonard Mitcham '90** of Macon.

Lori Reese Patton '90 of Charlotte, North Carolina, has a **WESLEYAN FIRST**. She is the new Professional Development Counsel for her law firm, Womble Carlyle Sandridge and Rice, a position that is the first of its kind at the firm of almost 600 lawyers. Lori and her husband, Macon, are also excited about another first – the birth of their first son, Macon James "Mac" Patton, who was born in August. (See *Births*.)

In Lynchburg, Virginia, **Eli Ceballos '91** continues to work full-time as an ophthalmologist, specializing in cataract and glaucoma surgery.

Congratulations to **Patrice Stewart '91** of Owings Mills, Maryland, who was promoted to

division director at the Social Security Administration in June 2006. Patrice has worked at SSA for 15 years. She manages a department of 50-plus employees that develop software for agency use.

Lizzie Wahab '91 has moved to Worcester, Massachusetts, where she is the new VP for Enrollment Management at Worcester State College. Husband Faisal Ahmed is still living in North Carolina. Their two children, Irina (6), and Aiden (15 months) are proud of their mother's new job.

Reverend Jennifer A. Johnson '92 and her husband, Mark, moved to Ashland, Kentucky, in August 2006, where Mark is finishing his Ph.D. and working at Ashland Community and Technical College. Jennifer is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom for a while with their children, Calvin (5) and Adrianna (4).

After a honeymoon in the French Polynesian Islands, **Karin Fulford Jones '92** and husband Joel (Joe) West Smithson are living in Atlanta, where Joe is president of Smithson Properties and co-owner of Landmark Realty, Lionheart Development, and Cascade Mortgage Company, and Karin is a counselor at The Anxiety & Stress Management Institute. Karin earned a master's degree from Argosy University and is working on her Ph.D. in counselor education and practice at Georgia State University. She also serves on the advisory board for Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities. (See *Marriages*.)

TWO AWARDS, ONE YEAR. Cyndey Costello Busbee '92 is Wesleyan's most recent addition to *Macon Magazine's* annual "Five Under Forty" young leaders recognition. As marketing director for the Medical Center of Central Georgia/Central Georgia Health Systems, Cyndey was recognized for her professional and community contributions to middle Georgia. In addition to being named to the prestigious "Five Under Forty" list, she was also named "Rotarian of the Year" by the Downtown Rotary Club. Cyndey generously gives her time to multiple area organizations such as Education First, Macon Volunteer Clinic, and Career Women's Network, just to name a few.



Mollie Bell Smith '92 and her husband, Tad, welcomed a son, Preston Durham, to the family in October. Although his arrival was early and by emergency C section, Mollie says he is a great set of lungs! Mollie has been offered a limited partnership with the investment firm of Edward Jones. After seven years of hard work, she says it's about time! Mollie is active with the Hendricks Civic Theatre and has been singing with the Indianapolis Arts Chorale for the past five years. Husband Tad is a senior biologist with Dow Agrosiences. (See *Births and Family Additions*.)

MaryTherese Grabowski Tebbe '92 of Warner Robins, Georgia, has joined the board of directors at Atlantic Southern Bank in Houston County. MaryTherese is executive director of the 21st Century Partnership, and previously worked as co-anchor at WMAZ-TV.

Jane Arthur '93 lives in Conyers, Georgia, where she is busy with plans for a spring wedding. Jane was delighted to talk recently with her Wesleyan big sister, **Beth Kargel '91**, the new major gifts officer at Wesleyan. Jane's real big sister is **Anne Arthur '87**, who lives in Tampa.

Tiffany McKay Gordon '94 lives in Athens, Georgia. Although she transferred from Wesleyan to Piedmont College, where she completed dual degrees in sociology and political science, she remem-

bers her great PK times at Wesleyan. "I love to hear news about the college," writes Tiffany.

Jane Carver Kimbrel '94 has moved to Cordele, Georgia, where her husband, Billy, is minister of the Peavy Charge United Methodist Church. Jane is the new organist at Perry United Methodist Church, where she has enjoyed meeting other Wesleyanians in the area.

Merry Barton '95 is excited about her new job. She is the senior design engineer at the Beaufort/Jasper Water and Sewer Authority in Beaufort, South Carolina.

Maconites **Robert and Jenny Snider Gordon '95** celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary with a trip overseas with Jenny's parents, who are celebrating their own 35th anniversary. Jenny and Robert are also adopting a baby girl from China. "We've spent quite a bit of time researching agencies and have started all the paperwork. I can't wait, so hopefully the process will be expedited due to my Chinese ancestry. Please remember us in your prayers," writes Jenny from her desk as community news writer with the *Macon Telegraph's* Warner Robins bureau.

Sheree Hollis '95, who lives in Decatur, Georgia, presented a "Summer Voice Recital" featuring selections by Puccini, Strauss, Verdi, and more at Decatur Presbyterian Church.

Tee and **Kea Hoover Mitchell '95** of Macon welcomed their third child, Anna Claire, in July 2006. Anna Claire is also the 8th grandchild of **Mary Terrell Mitchell '59**. (See *Births and Family Additions*.)

"In 2002 I married Captain Bill Young (United States Army). We have three children: John Thomas (4), Georgia (2), and Stephen, born in September 2006. In August we prepared for our third 12-month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom," writes **Sarah Bradshaw Young '95** from Fort Bragg, North Carolina. (See *Births and Family Additions*.)

Congratulations to **Heather Goodwin '96** of Mount Berry, Georgia, who is the new assistant director of residence life at Berry College.

Beth Hodges McKeever '96 of Charleston, South Carolina, says she has adjusted to her new sleep schedule after her C-section surgery and the birth of her son, Charles Grayson, in September. (See *Births and Family Additions*.)

Married in October 2006, newlyweds **Joseph and Mary Mitchell McKinnon '97** reside in Deepstep, Georgia. They are both prosecuting attorneys and met through a classmate of Joseph's from Mercer Law School. Several Wesleyanians helped Mary celebrate her special day and included classmates **Jena Forehand Collins '97**, who served as a bridesmaid and **Stephanie Pate Lewis '97**, who kept the guest

book. **Sharon Brim Chappelle '96** and **Pamela Davis Corvelli '98** also attended the wedding. (See *Marriages*.)

Stephanie Pate Lewis '97 of Rome, Georgia, represented Wesleyan College at the presidential inauguration of Dr. Harold E. Newman at Shorter College in August 2006.

Piper Allen Ellis '98 still loves to travel. She and her husband work for Earth Fare, and were sent to Costa Rica and Vancouver this past year. Their big news to share is that they are expecting a baby in May. Grandmother-to-be **Carla Asbell '87** and aunt-in-waiting **Brandy Allen Johnson '92** are delighted.

Life in Columbia, South Carolina, just became more exciting for **Susan Wilson Toler '98** and her husband, Kris. Their son was born in October. When she is not taking care of Kieran Kristofer, Susan teaches English as a Second Language for the University of South Carolina. (See *Births and Family Additions*.)

Gainesville, Florida, resident **Amy Daniels '99** is in Costa Rica, where she is conducting her Ph.D. dissertation research with funding from NASA.

Sarah Marshall Nester '99 and her husband and girls are so happy to be back in the South, living in the Tampa area. She is still reeling from her 30th birthday present –



ENVIRONMENTALLY CORRECT. It's been a busy year for **Liza Sanden '99** of Anchorage, Alaska. Her job as an environmental scientist has kept her traveling from the Gulf of Mexico's coast to the Arctic Ocean's coast. "The environmental and natural disasters of last year – Gulf hurricanes and Alaskan North Slope oil spills – have kept me hopping with hazardous material cleanup and remediation. This year's (2006) dubious distinction was back to back work in the almost sub-tropics in 90 degree heat to the Arctic at 70 degrees below zero. Otherwise, I love the endless days of summer and the snow and aurora of winter in Alaska," reports Liza.

the day her third child, Beth, was able to come home from the hospital as a newborn that had spent two weeks in NICU. "She's doing well and growing like a weed," writes Sarah.

Jennifur Rosado Tanner '99 of Warner Robins, Georgia, received her master's degree in reading and literacy in February 2007. She also reports that the Tanner family will welcome a new bundle of joy in May.

2000s

Marge Guiberteau '00 currently serves as Head Props on the Cirque du Soleil Pacific-Asia tour of Varekai.

Hyun Mi Choi '01 and new husband Eli Corin live in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area, where Eli is a political analyst with the federal government. Hyun Mi met Eli in graduate school in Monterey, California. She has worked for the Center for Strategic Institute in Washington and, for the past two years, has worked at the Defense Language Institute as an assistant professor. Hyun Mi visited Wesleyan and the alumnae office in December, where she had fun reminiscing about her student worker days in the office. (See *Marriages*.)

New homeowners **Jywanya Smith Dillinger '01** and husband Mark are enjoying their house in Bonaire, Georgia.

In October **Stephanie Dunda '01** ran her first marathon in Chicago. She finished in 5:22.

Kris Mayhofer '01 has successfully passed her comprehensive examinations towards a doctoral degree in Comparative Literature at Emory University. She has a concentration in French and has had the opportunity to teach French literature.

Congratulations to **Kemba Anderson '02**, who received her MBA in finance from Capella University on August 12, 2006.

"It's great to be back!" says **Bria Andrew '02**. "I've returned to Macon and am happy to be nearer to several generations of my Wesleyan sisters, whom I see as often as I can. I'm working as the sexual assault advocacy program director at the Crises Line and Safe House of Central Georgia, and I love my work. It is challenging and certainly never boring. I was honored to be asked to participate in a convocation recently, where I spoke to Wesleyan students about stalking and dating violence."

Congratulations to **Lisa Wilson Clark '02** of Condon, Oregon, who earned a master's degree in education in December 2005 from the University of Idaho. Lisa's mother, sister (**Susan Wilson Toler '98**), and nephew attended the graduation ceremony. Lisa and husband Joel enjoy living "out West."

In November 2006, **Chenny Gan '02** presented a paper on Chinese Daoist Music in Hawaii for SEM (Society of Ethnomusicology). Her bio was included in the 2006 edition of *Who's Who in the World* and in the 2006-07 edition of *Who's Who in America*. She and Ernst Takacs are planning a 2008 wedding in Salzburg, Austria.

In Austin, Texas, **April Prince '02** is finishing her Ph.D. in musicology at the University of Texas at Austin. Her dissertation focuses on the reception of Clara Schumann.

Congratulations to **Jennifer Perlman Moore '03** of Warner Robins, Georgia, who received her juris doctor degree from Ave Maria School of Law in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in May 2006.

Newlyweds Michael and **Brandy Heineman Steffensen '03** were married at Kennesaw First Baptist Church in December. Wesleyan little sister **Lauren Warner Childers '05** served as a bridesmaid. Other Wesleyan in attendance were **Jennifer Dunlap Miller '03** and **Lisa Bachtar Bong '03**. The Steffensen's live in Kennesaw. (See *Marriages*.)

Shelley Mollieur Mosher '03 and husband Scott live in Los Alamos, New Mexico, where they both work. Shelley and Scott (from Marietta, Georgia) married in September 2005.

Lauren K. Young '03 is in graduate school at the Ross School of Veterinary Medicine in St. Kitts. While in the Caribbean, Lauren hopes to get in touch with classmate **Rachel Garcia '03**, who is studying in the Ross University School of Medicine.

After teaching high school for two years, **Sabrina Byrne '04** of Warner Robins, Georgia, is attending Mercer Law School on a full scholarship. Congratulations, Sabrina!

LaSonia Clay '04 is completing work on her master's degree in Spanish at the University of Georgia.

Reporting from Taiwan, **Quynh P. T. Le '04** says she is working on an MBA at the national Cheng Kung University in Tainan.

Dianna Lusk '04 and Joshua Culbertson married on September 30, 2006. **Monica Harper '04** was a bridesmaid and **Elizabeth Cassels '05** was maid of honor. Dianna and Joshua live in Madison, Indiana. (See *Marriages*.)

Lauren Eckman '04 lives in Macon and works at the Georgia Academy for the Blind. She is also working on a master's degree with special degree concentration in visual aid.

Volunteer **Christy Wendt Brouse '05** enjoys her work with The Community Service Guild of

HOLIDAY SURPRISE. Esther Celestin '00 was the recipient of the ABC HomeTeam TV house giveaway in December 2006. Esther and her four year old son, Ethan, were surprised with their new home in Waldorf, Maryland, after she applied online for the giveaway. To make the day even more meaningful, ABC flew in Esther's family from Miami to join in the celebration. When asked if she was surprised, Esther replied, "I'm speechless. Everybody knows I'm never speechless." Esther is a financial analyst with the National Institute of Health in Rockville, MD, and owns a catering company. (Pictured right) Esther Celestin and her son, Ethan.



Macon. A recent group project was making blankets for babies at Rebecca House, a home for unwed mothers. When she is not volunteering, Christy works as a financial analyst at Secure Health Plans of Georgia, LLC in Macon.

Courtenay Staples Bunn '05 and husband Phillip live in Forsyth, Georgia, where Courtenay works at the Monroe County Bank. Courtenay worked at the Nancy Ellis Knox Equestrian Center at Wesleyan after graduation.

Anna Deckert '05 lives in Madrid, Spain, where she is working on a master's degree in Spanish with the Saint Louis University program. "I am having lots of fun with my classes and living here is great! I have three classes each semester and have done quite a bit of traveling, too. I live with a senora whose apartment is near Quevado and it is perfectly located for me to walk pretty much everywhere in the city. I hope all is well at Wesleyan."

Monycia Everett '05 is stationed at Ft. Stewart, Georgia, where she is assigned to a medical company. "It's really different from college life, as I go to physical training every morning at 6 a.m.!" writes Monycia.

Sashenie Hayman '05 lives in Cambridge and works in Boston for EnerNOC in the operations department.

Anastasia Johnson '05 lives in Chicago and works for CH Robinson Worldwide, which is a transportation and logistics company. She wants to thank Wesleyan professor Dr. Saralyn DeSmet for guiding her to complete a French major in addition to her major in International Business. She writes, "During my first interview, my HR Manager began to immediately hint at opportunities for me in Europe as CH Robinson has branches in France and Belgium. Isn't that awesome! So thank you once again, Dr. DeSmet. Sometimes, we as little plebes fail to see the bigger picture. That is why we need you wiser, more experienced ones to guide us along the way."

Krista Morrison '05 greeted all at graduation in May 2006 with her beautiful smile. She had just returned from Blois, France, where she had taught English for the school year. Krista encourages everyone to take time to work and study abroad.

Recha Reid '05 taught English in Colombia last year. "My students are from preschool to senior year high school. My brain has still not fully adjusted to the fast pace of the language...but it is almost there. Talking to the other teachers is an experience in itself. They don't speak English and I am learning Spanish, it seems, all over again. To my Spanish teachers...you have been a big help and all those 'ser' and 'estar,' and 'por' and 'para' lessons are coming in handy. I never knew it but being able to talk about Gabriel García Márquez has been a great ice-breaker - who knew?"

"Hola, to all Wesleyannes from the heart of Spain," writes **Nancy Richards '05**. Nancy studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology program in Zaragoza, Spain, where she received a master's degree in Engineering in Logistics and Supply Chain Management on May 31, 2006. "I must thank Wesleyan's phenomenal language department for that. I also thank all of you for your commitment to ensure that hopeful young girls like me get a chance to study at Wesleyan. I would specifically like to remember President Knox and the entire Knox family, the late **Joy Lawless Tripp '46** and Mr. Clance Rogers, for believing in me. Un saludo a todos," writes Nancy.

Abha Shakya '05 and her sister, **Niva Shakya '05**, are sharing an apartment in New York. Niva is in graduate school working on her master's degree in accounting, and Abha works at Deutsche Bank. They are excited about the prospect of their younger sister, Kripa, applying to Wesleyan next fall.

Jenny Abramovitz '06 of Warner Robins, Georgia, will be attending graduate school at Georgia College and State University studying instructional technology.

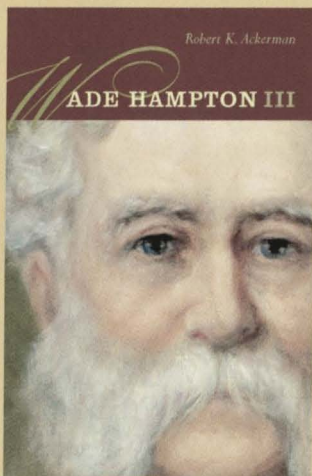
"Thank you, Dr. Curry, for being a great advisor," writes **Sara DeCubellis '06** from Athens, Georgia. Sara is working on her master's degree in social work at the University of Georgia.

As a first year graduate student, earning a Ph.D. in Health Services Research Policy and Management at the University of Florida, **Kim Elliott '06** is working on several exciting projects, including the Medicaid reform project for the state of Florida.

Sylvia Gonsahn '06 enjoys life in Washington, D.C., where she is in medical school at George Washington Medical School with plans to concentrate in geriatrics.

From Baton Rouge, Louisiana, **Rosie Harrington '06** writes, "I am enjoying my first year as a doctoral student in the Department of French and Francophone Studies at Louisiana State University. Besides working intently on writing papers and reading French Renaissance literature, I am also learning how to cook a mean crawfish etouffee. At the end of September Rosie returned to Georgia for the wedding of **Amy Smith Heaton '06**, and got to see my wonderful Wesleyan ladies, and sing a Washboard Band song or two! I'm looking forward to Alumnae Weekend," says Rosie.

Christine Morana '06 hated to miss her first Alumnae Weekend. She's been in London since November and will return in July 2007. She sends her love to the Murphey and Candler gang.



A PRESIDENT AND A POLITICIAN. Robert K. Ackerman, former Wesleyan president, expands his authored works on South Carolina history with the release of *Wade Hampton III*. Published by the University of South Carolina Press, Dr. Ackerman's book provides a new look at southern planter turned Confederate soldier turned state politician, Wade Hampton III. Hampton was the epitome of Southern aristocracy without much talent in military leadership. Yet, due to the circumstances of the Civil War, he succeeded in progressing through the ranks of the Confederate army and eventually held the office of governor and U.S. Senator for South Carolina. Today, he is still revered as an icon of the Old South. Wesleyan alumnae learned more about Wade Hampton III during reunion weekend when Dr. Ackerman signed his book.

Parrish Smotherman '06 lives in Macon, where she teaches Spanish in the lower school at Stratford Academy. Her mom still teaches at Wesleyan.

"I am doing fine and my job is pretty good, too," writes **Aditi Tolia '06** from Alpharetta, Georgia. She works at Avery Gallery, where she maintains their website and works on paper restoration (the fun part). "I do works on paper and photographs. I also have other news, I am getting married! The marriage will be in India next year."

Carmen Valdez '06 works for Amigos for Kids, a nonprofit organization in Miami that works with abused, abandoned, and neglected children in the community. Carmen does workshops with children (3rd to 5th grade).

In order to teach Carmen trained through the ARISE method, which basically structures the curriculum of the organization. Carmen says her Wesleyan experience prepared her for her work. Leadership, language, and communication skills are necessary in her position. She credits Wesleyan's internships, independent studies, and class work with teaching her those skills. "What most impressed our Executive Director (who hired me) was all of the leadership skills I possessed, as well as being bilingual. I consider myself fortunate for finding such a perfect fit after Wesleyan."

Claudja Williams '06 has moved to Maryland, where she works for Banana Republic.

continued from faculty deaths

BERNARD C. MURDOCH

Dr. Bernard C. Murdoch, retired chair of the psychology department at Wesleyan College, died March 2, 2007, in his sleep. Dr. Murdoch, the younger of two sons, was born in Charlotte, NC, on December 5, 1917, to Homer O'Dell and Helma Murdoch.



Dr. Murdoch's devotion to work began at an early age as he helped support his family during the depression with a paper route before school. While continuing to work, he attended Appalachian State Teacher's College where he served as class president and graduated summa cum laude in 1938, when he began his teaching career. He received a master's in education from the University of Cincinnati and completed his Ph.D. in psychology from Duke University.

His noted career and responsibilities took the growing family from South Carolina to Washington, DC to Ohio to Macon, where he assumed his position with Wesleyan College. He served almost forty years as professor of psychology from 1954 until his retirement in 1991. Dr. Murdoch authored a number of books, provided leadership in a variety of professional and fraternal organizations, and maintained a private practice as a psychologist until 1999.

Dr. Murdoch will also be remembered by hundreds of former students, clients, and colleagues for his quest for knowledge, his tireless research, and his devotion to his work.

Reunion Years
1922
1927
1932
1937
1942
1947
1952
1957
1962
1967
1972
1977
1982
1987
1992
1997
2002
2006

Got Memories?



Call your classmates and stay connected! Watch for class notes and reunion news from Alumnae Weekend in the upcoming fall 2007 issue of the *Wesleyan Magazine* as we highlight our memories from *A Significant Sisterhood: The Wonderful Women of Wesleyan*.

A Day in the Life: OF A WESLEYAN GROUNDSKEEPER

Faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive — it's neither bird nor plane, but Willie Singleton, one of three groundskeepers at Wesleyan College.

Practically campaigning for "best smile," he'll warm you for days with his infectious personality. Just make eye contact. He's worth his weight in gold, or seed, or gallons of gas... depending upon how you measure attitude and work ethic. But with fumes, noise, and heavy lifting, how sunny is a day in the life of a Wesleyan groundskeeper?

Caddy Shack lovers know this Cinderella story. At the ripe age of "thirty-something" in 1979, Willie joined the staff. Hired on the spot, he soon worked his way up the ladder to his current position of grounds foreman overseeing a grounds crew. Together with three tractors, two riding mowers, one push mower, a Bobcat, three golf carts, a Gator, two blowers, and three weed eaters they maintain eighty of Wesleyan's two hundred acres.

Known on and off campus simply as "Jug," he's already been recognized formally for his efforts in the highest capacity — a highly coveted Presidential Staff Award presented by Dr. Ackerman. Jug invites you to see the plaque. It's prominently displayed in the Physical Plant along with a snapshot "of one of the two really big beavers caught at the lake last year." With full humility and trademark smile, he added, "You probably don't know this, but in



"I just want the students to have a beautiful campus. That way, they can keep studying, keep learning, and go on to accomplish great things."

those days, they only gave out one award a year... not like now." It was a big day.

But everyday is big when you love to cut grass, and Jug admitted even on his day off he loves to cut grass. He won't, however, admit his job is hard. "A professional landscaping crew comes in to replant flower beds two or three times a year, not including special occasions like alumnae weekend and commencement. We just water the flower beds, trim hedges, and... cut grass. Nothing much," he said. "Sprinkler systems

at the front gates help tremendously. Although flowers at the fountain, Candler Building, Jones Hall, Fine Arts Building, and Bradley House are all watered by hand."

Nothing much, just sustaining the lives of three thousand purple pansies. The sprinkler systems Jug refers to at the front gates were realized through an endowed garden fund; and the beds are more than just beds. They are part of a large and prominent beautification project known as the Margaret Tarver Gardens,

which include the stunning gardens across the front of the campus among others. Maintaining the Tarver Gardens is serious business. Former Wesleyan Conservatory student Margaret Taylor Tarver made a gift to the College for landscaping and endowed the garden fund in 2004. "Wesleyan is a beautiful campus with beautiful buildings," said Mrs. Tarver at the time. "I wanted to see them accentuated with gorgeous flowers." Her donation is widely appreciated. Designated an official historic district, Wesleyan's two hundred acres attract thousands of visitors annually, many from around the world.

Visitors who stop in during Color Rush may find more shaving cream and paper tissue than flowers around campus. Despite sisterhood traditions that trash the grass, a lean budget, and long work hours, Jug and his crew deep-six any frustrations under purple pansies and warm smiles.

But surely every groundskeeper has his gopher. Litter? Carelessly discarded cigarette butts? Chemical burns from fertilizer? Digging deeper for that one pet peeve uncovered nothing but "well, fitting fifteen tables in a room that only holds ten is something frustrating. But as far as cutting grass, I just want the students to have a beautiful campus. That way, they can keep studying, keep learning, and go on to accomplish great things. Nothing frustrating about that."



Picture yourself back on campus

When you're ready to pursue a higher degree, you'll find that graduate programs at Wesleyan are designed to fit the real-world needs of working professionals.

Wesleyan offers Macon's own Executive Master of Business Administration Program for both women and men entrepreneurs and business executives. The curriculum includes a two-week international travel component and a laptop computer. Classes are scheduled on alternate weekends over 19 months so that professionals can pursue advanced business education without interrupting their careers.

If you already have your undergraduate degree, are a certified schoolteacher, and want to earn your master's, then consider pursuing an advanced degree in education through Wesleyan's Master of Arts program. Our graduate programs include Middle Grades Mathematics & Science and Early Childhood Education. Our program allows students the option to work at their own pace, so you can earn your master's in just a year and a half. Or if you prefer, take up to six years to complete the coursework.

Fall semester begins in August. Call Wesleyan's Nontraditional and Graduate Programs at 757-5180 and find out how to **PICTURE YOURSELF** with another degree from Wesleyan.

First for Women
WESLEYAN

Wesleyan College
4760 Forsyth Road
Macon, Georgia 31210-4462

Nonprofit
Organization
U. S. Postage
PAID
Macon, GA
Permit No. 6